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U.S. show of force puts Syria on alert

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Washington's tattered relations with Syria — Israel's chief military foe — continued to deteriorate last week as the U.S. Sixth Fleet built up its strength in the Mediterranean Sea.

Israel, meanwhile, relaxed restrictions it imposed following a bomb explosion in Sidon which took the lives of 28 Israelis. Lebanese politicians meeting in Switzerland appeared to make progress in reforming the country's political structure, and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat held out in Tripoli against rebels within his Fatah faction.

In the aftermath of the bomb blast on Oct. 23 which killed 230 U.S. marines in Beirut, President Reagan, vowing to avenge their deaths, dispatched three aircraft carrier battle groups to the Mediterranean.

Reagan has, in effect, blamed pro-Syrian Lebanese Shi'ite Moslems for engineering the assault on marine headquarters.

Syria, fearing a joint U.S.-Israel attack, ordered general mobilization a few days after Israel summoned thousands of reservists for exercises.

Both the U.S. and Israel tried to calm matters. American Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said the presence of several aircraft carrier groups in the region was "routine," and Israel denied its callup had any significance.

But the situation remained fairly tense, particularly after Syrian anti-aircraft batteries fired upon U.S. jets over Lebanon — the first time this has happened.

The Syrians unloosed

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Alberta wants Dr. Gal

By TAMMY KAROL

Alberta's attorney-general, Neil Crawford, has asked Ottawa to bring extradition proceedings against an Israeli doctor involved in an alleged mercy killing last year.

The request lists nine charges — including first-degree murder, attempted murder, and administering a noxious substance — against Dr. Nachum Gal, a visiting pediatrician who worked in Edmonton from July 1982-February 1983 at the University of Alberta Hospital. He also faces charges of wounding, criminal negligence causing death, and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

Gal, 36, left this country last spring when hospital authorities and the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons began investigating the death of his patient, Candace Taschuk of Two Hills, Alta.

The 16-hour-old infant suffered an accident in the womb and was delivered by Caesarian section with serious brain damage. Evidence showed she died after being administered an unusually large dose of morphine, which Gal allegedly ordered.

Candace's parents, Jerry and Debbie Taschuk, said they never consented to the injection and did not learn of it for several months.

Gal is now working as a pediatrician in Eilat's Joseph Thal Hospital. He graduated from medical school in Bologna, Italy, and did part of his pediatric training at Jerusalem's Alyn Orthopedic Hospital for Children.

He could not be reached by The Canadian Jewish News last week, but when contacted by an Edmonton Journal reporter on Nov. 4, Gal said he was "deeply shocked" that he had been charged.

"I can't say anything at this time, only that I'm very sad," Gal added. He told the reporter that he hadn't yet been notified of the charges by the Israeli government.

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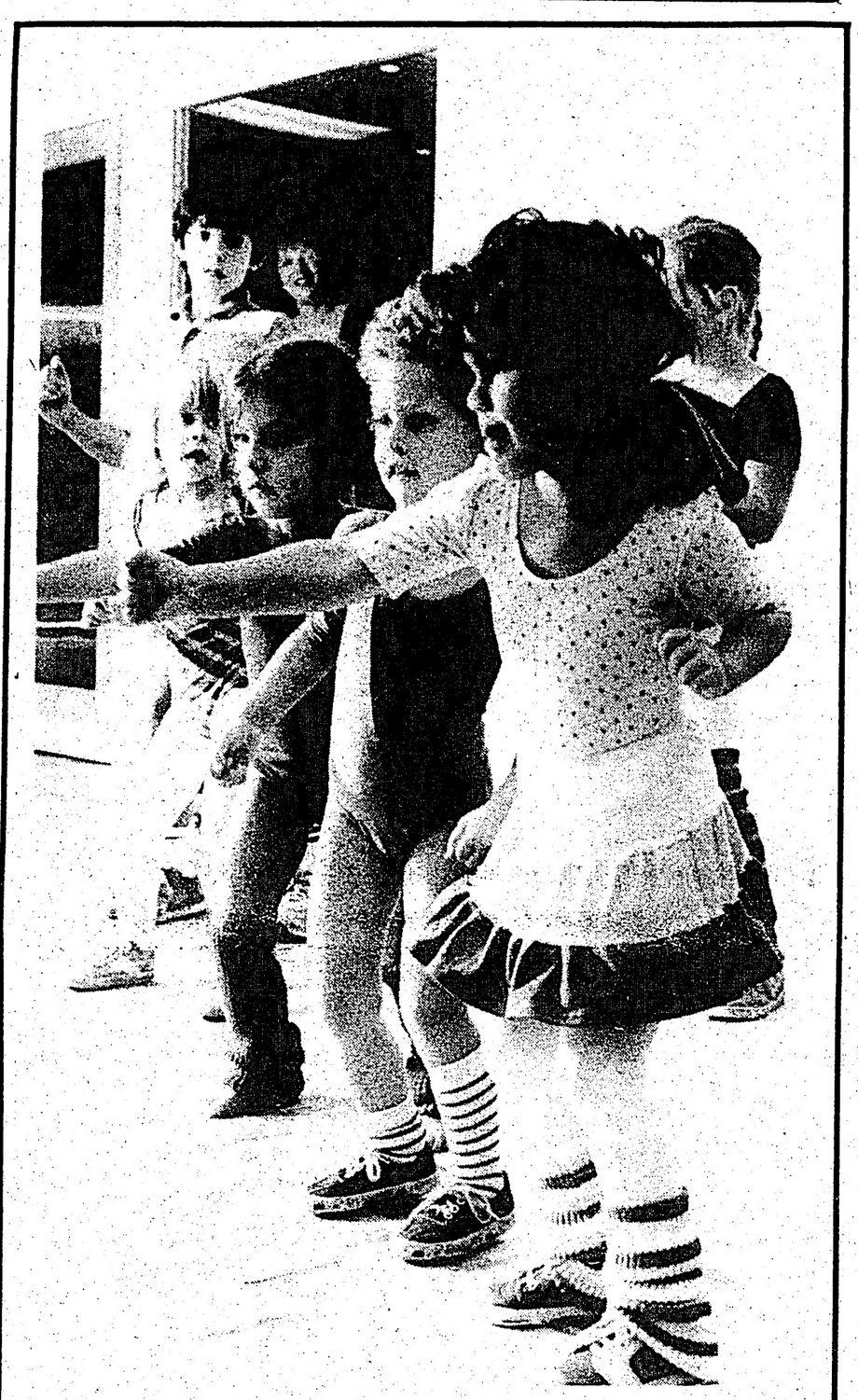

NOW S-T-R-E-T-C-H!

Courtney Aldor, 3½, leads the class of aerobics moppets in rhythmic movements at The Workout exercise studio on Yonge St. See story, page 17. [Kato Batista photo]

Soldiers show support as Shamir visits troops

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

The front line in Lebanon, where Israeli and Syrian troops face each other across a few hundred yards of open terrain, has become a focal point of the world news media in recent days.

Reporters and television crews from many countries are on hand in anticipation of hostilities following Syria's mobilization of its reserves and a practice call-up of Israeli reserves — which the Israelis insist is a limited drill planned long before the current escalation of tension.

The front remained quiet. But the media had a chance to observe interesting differences between the Israelis and Syrians. On the physical level, Israeli units are warm and dry in outposts insulated against the cold, damp weather heralding the onset of a harsh winter in the Lebanese hills.

The Syrian troops, in contrast, huddled in wet open trenches within sight of the Israeli positions.

But an event which some reporters found more dramatic and significant than military operations occurred when Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir toured Israel defense force positions, accompanied by Chief of Staff Gen. David Levy and other senior officers.

Shamir, a Likud hardliner, was confronted by a reserve soldier, a kibbutznik, who told the premier: "I have more of a statement than a question. I feel like an actor in a film of the Germans in Europe in World War II or the Russians in Afghanistan. I am on the roads here a lot and I wonder what we are doing to the local population. How long are we going to remain here?"

Shamir retorted, apparently without rancor, that such comparisons should not be made. In any event, the IDF will remain in Lebanon only long enough to ensure Israel's security, he said.

The confrontation took place in the presence of the media. Shamir told reporters later that he was impressed by the behavior of most of the soldiers. He admitted that there was what he called a "very vocal minority" imbued with "negative ideas."

Shamir said the incident proves the tolerance of Israel and its democratic basis. He left to the imagination of the journalists whether such an exchange could have taken place between a Syrian soldier and President Hafez Assad.

Other soldiers fully supported the Israeli presence in Lebanon. They told the premier they were angered by the relatively light punishment meted out to reservists who refuse to serve in Lebanon. Many are simply assigned to other duties. Those who face military courts are usually sentenced to no more than 35 days in jail.

Socreds won't oust Keegstra

WINNIPEG —

The national council of the Social Credit Party decided last week not to suspend Jim Keegstra from its organization, hoping it can put the unpleasant affair surrounding the former mayor of Eckville, Alta., behind it.

A lively 3½-hour debate preceded the vote on whether to oust Keegstra and two supporters from the party.

The 49-year-old Keegstra was fired last year from Eckville Junior High School for telling students the Holocaust was a hoax and that there was a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world. He was mayor of Eckville until last month when he was defeated in civic elections.

"There comes a time for healing," said Social Credit Party president Ben Bissett soon after the 20-19 vote was taken. "Neither side wants to split the party . . . both sides agree it was mishandled from the very beginning."

Founded Reconstructionist Movement

Kaplan ideas had great influence

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of the Reconstructionist Movement and considered one of the most influential scholars in the history of Judaism, died last week at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, N.Y. He was 102 years old.

Many of the key developments in Jewish life are based on concepts Kaplan developed during his long career — concepts like the organic Jewish community, Judaism as a religious civilization with its spiritual centre in Israel, the synagogue centre and summer camp movements, the public celebration of Bat Mitzvah, and an American version of the European self-governing Jewish community [kehilla].

Kaplan's ideological history was one of a struggle between the Orthodox beliefs he was taught and by which he lived, until he decided that such a Jewish outlook was incompatible with the outlook of Jews born and raised in the unique freedom of American life.

Out of that struggle, the Reconstructionist philosophy emerged. He was denounced by the Orthodox who put him in herem (excommunication), a somewhat less than drastic ban in an open society.

Mordecai Kaplan

Kaplan originally developed Reconstructionism not as another branch of Judaism but as a stimulation to thinking in non Orthodox forums. His ideas profoundly influenced Reform and Conservative Judaism. But the pressures for change which his teachings generated led to the crystallization of the movement in its own institutions.

One was the society for the Advancement of Judaism, the pilot Reconstructionist congregation in Manhattan, which Kaplan founded and served as rabbi even while continuing his teaching duties at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and his busy schedule of writing and lecturing.

Kaplan also founded the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and taught in it. The Reconstructionist Movement also has a network of congregations in many parts of the United States and Canada, in addition to the Mevakshey Derech Synagogue, in Jerusalem, and its own journal, The Reconstructionist.

With the publication in the 1930's of his major work, Judaism as a Civilization, Kaplan delineated the basic structure of his outlook, in which he defined the elements of an evolving religious civilization. This was to be developed

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World-National

An infamous date to recall in history

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Jewish history will record Nov. 10 as a day of infamy.

In 1938 the Nazis burned the country's synagogues. It was a publicly orchestrated assault on Jews and their religion. From now on it was clear that they no longer had the right to be treated as human beings.

Rabbi Plaut

It was the beginning of the end. Kristallnacht heralded the end of German Jewry; only synagogues were burned then, the burning of human beings would come a few years later. If nothing else had happened on Nov. 10 it would have been enough.

But the day was once more inscribed in the annals of history by another vicious assault on the existence of our people. This time it was Nov. 10, 1975 and the locale was New York.

Kristallnacht

At the United Nations a combination of Arab, Communist and Third World countries voted to declare Zionism as a form of racism. It was a major step in the attempted deligitimization of Israel. From now on, the old Jewish dream of Zion restored was tainted with the ugly brush of racism.

Today, a mere eight years later, that campaign has unhappily made large strides. Even in the minds of many uncommitted people, Zionism has become an ugly word.

In fact, "Zionist" no longer necessarily refers to Jews and Israel. In the parlance of the Arabs at least, it has come to denote the incarnation of evil, and the word is applied as well to those whom in its original sense it would hardly fit.

According to a recent report in the New York Times, Iran labelled three quite different countries and their leaders in this fashion.

First of all, it called America a "Zionist-imperialist power" — a frequent epithet which means to convey that the United States is in the grip of a Jewish conspiracy and that the Jews control the country. In that respect "Zionist" has at least a Jewish reference.

But the Iranian broadcast went further, and also called Sadam Hussein, the leader of Iraq, a tool of the Zionists. Never mind that he, no less than Iran, is Israel's self-proclaimed sworn adversary.

Anti-Zionist

In the Iranian view he is a despicable enemy and consequently worthy of the ascription "Zionist." And so, further on, are Syria and its Baathist party who are actually sometime allies of Iran.

Now, to top it all off, Brigadier Khobra, the head of the Palestine Liberation Army (which competes with the PLO) has publicly accused Yasser Arafat as "a Zionist agent."

In this usage Zionism is identical with the worst kind of evil. Since Israel is identified as the original "Zionist entity," it is thereby by definition held up as the world's ultimate enemy.

Christians, who a few years ago would gladly identify themselves as Zionists, have now begun to distance themselves from the term, lest they be branded as satan's children. I have even heard of Jews who, while they support Israel, will hesitate to speak of themselves as Zionists or endorse Zionism as a philosophy.

Therefore, it is doubly important that we begin to fight this linguistic perversion which undermines an essential aspect of our hopes and ideals. If Jews cannot honour Zionism and its dream, who can?

If we will not do it, who will? Language changes. It has changed in the past, it can change in the future. We should set out patiently and vigorously to restore the love of Zion to its everlasting nobility.

Jordanian commando group would cost $220 million

U.S. strike force plan hits a snag

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Reagan administration plans to establish a Jordanian striking force — which Israel opposes — have been dealt a setback.

Earlier this month, the Senate appropriations committee rebuffed the White House by deleting $220 million in secret funding Reagan had sought from the 1984 military spending bill.

Spearheading the efforts to derail the scheme was an odd coalition of senators who are perceived as pro and anti-Israel.

Alfonse D'Amato and Daniel Moynihan of New York objected to the request because Jordan is technically at war with Israel and has so far refused to endorse the American-backed Camp David peace process.

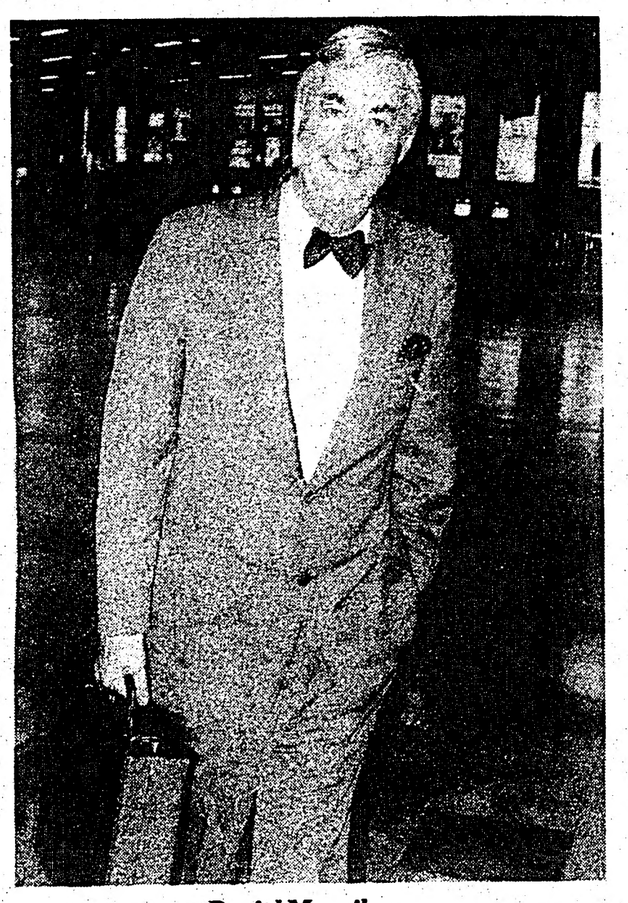
Mark Hatfield of Oregon, who has often criticized Israel and been attacked for that by Israeli partisans, objected because he resented he had been kept in the dark about all aspects of the program.

President Jimmy Carter initially gave it its approval, but it was put into effect by Reagan. The idea came to the fore in 1979 following an attack by Islamic fundamentalists on the Great Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. The Saudis quelled the rebellion with heavy causalties, and this prompted King Hussein of Jordan to ask the U.S. to create a pro-Western Moslem commando group that could act quickly in similar situations.

The Americans agreed on the need for such a force, and work to implement it began about 2½ years ago.

Under the plan, the U.S. would train and equip two brigades of approximately 8,000 Jordanian troops, who could theoretically be dispatched to trouble spots all over the Arabian Peninsula.

U.S. experts went to Jordan and started to train the Jordanians. Then joint exercises were conducted. Key members of Congress and Israeli diplomats were informed on a classified basis, but some Congressmen complained that the training took place without specific Congressional authorization.



Daniel Moynihan

What caused the fiercest controversy was the funding question.

The administration wanted to use $220 million in secret funds to buy several C-130 transport planes, TOW anti-tank missiles, Stinger hand-held anti-aircraft weapons, self-propelled anti-aircraft missiles, communications equipment — and bridge-laying equipment.

All this would be given to Jordan.

The White House asked Israel not to try to block the funds, saying that pro-Western nations like Jordan and Saudi Arabia are potentially threatened by Syria and Iran.

But the Israelis, while not making a big fuss about it, lobbied against the plan. Indeed, Israel Radio exposed it.

In Israel's view, the weaponry the Americans wish to provide Jordan could end up on the wrong side in any future Arab-Israeli conflict. Jordan, which now accepts Israel's existence, fought against Israel in the Six Day War and contributed a tank brigade to the Syrian armed forces during the Yom Kippur War.

The Israelis are especially worried about the bridge-crossing equipment. What river but the Jordan, they ask, could it be applicable to?

The debate over the striking force is not likely to die just because the Senate appropriations committee deigned to deny the funds to the government. The administration, which sees the spectre of Soviet-inspired instability everywhere and in the Middle East in particular, will no doubt attempt to convince Congress and Israel that its plan is sound and in everyone's interest.

The Hertzberg affair...

Synagogue verdict saddens Rakoff

TORONTO —

Dr. Vivian Rakoff, head of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, and a supporter of the Canadian Friends of Peace Now, told a Beth Tzedec breakfast meeting recently that he was saddened by the synagogue's decision not to permit a public address by Arthur Hertzberg, a vice-president of the World Jewish Congress.

Speaking on the subject of Dissent in the Jewish Community, Rakoff expressed his disappointment that a man of Hertzberg's stature — "a leader of world Jewry, a committed leader of Zionism, an advisor to presidential commissions" — was refused the possibility to speak at the synagogue.

Surveying the gamut of dissent in modern Jewish history, Rakoff pointed out that the subject was indeed a delicate one but that open exchanges of contrasting philosophies was better than preventing them.

Speaking anecdotally and with autobiographical references, Rakoff told his audience that one of the ironies in the current debate over Peace Now was that before the creation of Israel, the first real Zionist dissenters were the Zionist Revisionists — the heirs of whom form the government in Israel.

The dissenting community in Israel, said Rakoff, is not some wild-eyed fringe or lunatic group. The dissenters represent a wide spectrum of the Israeli community. The massing of tens of thousands of Jews in Tel Aviv in the wake of the Shatila and Sabra massacres was a demonstration of the glory of dissent in Israel. It is the very marrow of the nation, said Rakoff.

"You cannot have it both ways: on the one hand we say that the Gentile community is intrinsically anti-semitic and that no matter what Jews do or say they will continue to be anti-semitic. On the other hand we say that Jews shouldn't criticize Israel for fear of Gentile responses. There is no consistency in this position."

He concluded the formal part of his presentation by saying that if the current atmosphere regarding dissent in Israel — which he considers to be a function of the current government and its philosophy prevails, he would wonder whether the whole enterprise had been worthwhile.

Rakoff was challenged at the conclusion of his talk by Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Friedberg pointed out that Beth Tzedec was not against dissent and that the synagogue had often been a forum for vigorous exchanges. The rabbi made a distinction, however, between featuring a speaker who represents a dissident viewpoint and one who speaks under the auspices of a particularist political viewpoint.

The former has been welcomed on many occasions, said the rabbi (including Hertzberg himself) — the latter could not.

Middle East data bank opened by TAU's Shiloah Centre

TEL AVIV —

Tel Aviv University has just launched the first international online data base on the subject of the Middle East: Mideast File, edited and compiled by the Shiloah Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies.

This computerized database, set up by the centre in 1979, is now available online through Lockheed-Dialog, the largest international telecommuications company — providing scholars, diplomats, journalists, and businesspeople with an instant, comprehensive source of current information about the region.

The file, which is also Israel's first international online data base, is produced jointly by the Shiloah Center and Learned Information of Oxford, a subsidiary of the Lockheed-Dialog information network. It contains some 28,000 items — in the form of 85 word abstracts in English — gleaned from over 900 publications in seven languages: Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish, English, French, and German.

Fourteen countries are included — covering the area from Iran to Libya and from Turkey to Sudan. Sources include newspapers, magazines, journals, radio and television broadcasts, books, government publications and documents, speeches, interviews, research reports, and legislation.

Mideast File was the brainchild of Prof. Haim Shaked, former head of the Shiloah Center, who foresaw the growing demand for fast access to specific data on this turbulent area. It covers developments in commerce, defense, economics, education, foreign policy, law, marketing, oil politics, demography, science and technology, agriculture, and a variety of other subjects.

The file is updated monthly by a team of 12 resource analysts at the Shiloah Center's Documentation Center, and some 12,000 new items are added to the survey annually. Mideast File is also available on magnetic tape, on microfiche, and as a printed quarterly journal. The quarterly is priced at $60 a year for individuals, $150 for public institutions, and $160 for private business firms.

The price for searching is $70 per "connect hour," while the cost of single queries varies with the number of abstracts in the file. The average cost is about $5 to $25 per query, according to Ami Salant, director of the Documentation Center.

Subject is Middle East

Canadian Senate committee hears WJC president

By
MEYER KALIN

OTTAWA —
Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, appeared as a witness before the Senate Committee on Foreign Affaris here recently.

Bronfman presented a brief to the committee which is conducting hearings on the Middle East situation.

The committee has been holding sessions on the issue since the spring of 1982, and to date has conducted over 30 formal and informal meetings on the subject with experts in the field, representatives of the Canadian government and Canadian corporations doing business in the Middle East, various Arab notables, including President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, and representatives of Arab groups in Canada.

The Canada-Israel Committee has given evidence at the hearings and at the latest session Bronfman represented the World Jewish Congress.

Although the order of reference authorizes the committee "to examine and report upon Canadian relations with countries of the Middle East and North Africa," to date 13 of these meetings have been devoted almost exclusively to the Arab-Israeli dimension, as have very substantial portions of 5 other meetings.

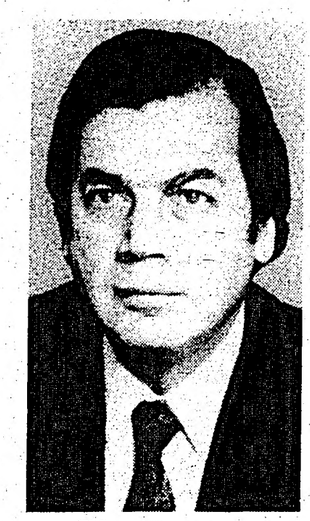
In fact, the ratio between meetings with avowedly pro-Arab witnesses and those with avowedly pro-Israel witnesses (CIC, WJC) is 4 to 1 (8 meetings vs. 2).

Bronfman told the committee that the peace process is at a standstill and will remain deadlocked "until some resolution of the situation in Lebanon is reached."

When asked if he foresaw a general peace in the near future he replied, "I am sorry, I do not have a crystal ball. I am really not very hopeful, but as a man with seven children, I say that one does not bring children into this world unless one is an optimist."

He said that Russian influences in the Middle East complicate the situation, "but my hope is that peace can be established despite the Russian Bear's insistence on putting his paw in troubled waters."

Part of the problem with the peace process in the area is that "the Arabs never seem to get their act together to be able to seriously negotiate with the Israelis on issues that could, perhaps, be resolved," he said.



Edgar Bronfman

The Camp David Accords are the foundation of true peace, and "I believe that those accords envisage a process that would take time and that the time would be used, in a large part, to dissipate suspicion and to slowly build an attitude, if not of trust, at least of open-mindedness," he continued.

Of the plight of the Palestinians, Bronfman said, "The Palestinian problem is as much an Arab problem as it is an Israeli problem. I would suggest that the Palestinian problem is part of the overall conflict, and that it really cannot be resolved in or of itself until there is peace, certainly between Jordan and Israel, and almost certainly between Syria and Israel."

Senator Buckwold asked Bronfman if "the Arabs really want peace with Israel? Are they prepared to accept Israel as a nation in the family of nations with permanent and secure borders?"

Bronfman replied: "Obviously the Egyptians have accepted Israel. There is a piece of paper signed by Mr. Gemayel of Lebanon and the Israeli government which seems to indicate that the government of Lebanon is willing to acknowledge Israel's right to exist.

"But I am as troubled as you are by the fact that there seems to be very little evidence from many Arab states, except Egypt and Lebanon, of the desire to recognize the right of Israel to exist or to sit down and make peace."

He concluded, "I often wonder, given the nature of the governments of the Arab states — that is, they are either dictatorships run by kings or dictatorships run by military presidents — whether the democracy of Israel is as much a thorn in their sides as the Jewish presence."

Marcel Prud'homme, Liberal Member of Parliament for Saint-Denis, raised the issue of recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization by Israel.

"The witness has said that perhaps the Palestinians should recognize Israel. In reply, I say that when bargaining — and surely the witness knows much more about bargaining than I do — it must be recognized that, in the case of Palestine, there is still that last card to be considered."

Bronfman responded: "We are not talking about the same PLO we talked about two years ago. Militarily, it is nonexistent. If it is controlled by anyone, it is controlled by the Syrians; and to say that the PLO is now the spokesman for the Palestinians is not very accurate, and is neither helpful nor productive." Recognition of the PLO, he concluded, is neither possible nor desirable.

New Israeli envoy expected next year

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —
Elisashiv Ben-Horin will become Israel's tenth ambassador to Canada when he arrives here early in the new year, the embassy of Israel announced recently.

The Polish-born Ben-Horin will replace Yeshayahu Anug, who will be returning to Jerusalem to resume duties in the foreign ministry.

Ben-Horin, in his early 60s, is one of only two career diplomats in the Israeli foreign service to carry the title, ambassador extraordinaire, because of his many years service as diplomatic envoy for the Jewish state.

Yeshayahu Anug

"Ben-Horin is recognized as one of the most experienced of Israeli diplomats," an embassy spokesman told The CJN.

He is currently working in the foreign ministry as assistant director-general, being in charge of the economic affairs division, the divisions for African and Asian affairs and the international co-operation division.

His previous ambassadorial postings were in Burma, Argentina and in Brussels, where he was accredited to Belgium, Luxembourg, and the European Economic Community.

Anug will have completed a four year posting in Canada when he returns to Jerusalem in January.

External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen has already said that the Canadian government has agreed to Ben-Horin's appointment.

Military co-operation may soon materialize

BONN [JTA] —
West Germany appears to be embarking on a new phase of military co-operation with Arab countries. Deputy Foreign Minister Juergen Moellemann has confirmed in the Bundestag that Bonn will sell arms to Saudi Arabia in the near future, though he did not say when.

Egypt's Defence Minister Muhamad Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala arrived here last week for talks with his German counterpart, Manfred Woemer, and other senior officials. The defense minister of Sudan was here last week for talks which included arms purchase negotiations.

A delegation of Saudi military experts is expected shortly to discuss West Germany's arms sales offers and will inspect military installations. The Egyptian minister, too, is touring Bundeswehr bases and will watch military exercises.

No information has been released on possible weapons sales to Egypt but one source said they are feasible. The Saudis, however, have received definite offers of modern military equipment and military co-operation on a large scale. Israel is objecting vehemently, but so far, only in private.

Moelleman, replying to questions in parliament, insisted that the security of Israel will not be affected by German arms sales to Saudi Arabia. He would not elaborate but said Chancellor Helmut Kohl would explain this to the Israelis when he visits Israel, probably early next year.

He said the government's decision to sell arms to the Saudis was based on several considerations: the need to stabilize that country and give it the capacity to defend itself against both internal and external threats; the moderate attitude of the Saudis in the Arab-Israeli conflict; and the important role of Saudi Arabia in the world economy.

The Israeli government so far has refrained from any top level reaction to these developments. Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens have refused to comment publicly. But an Israeli diplomat came to Bonn last week to explain his government's attitude.

He told German officials that arms sales to Saudi Arabia would set a precedent which would make it difficult for Bonn to reject arms purchase requests from other Arab countries. Moreover, he said Israel feels threatened by the scale of the projected German arms sales to Saudi Arabia which, in its view, is far out of proportion to Saudi defensive needs.

According to the Israelis, if Saudi Arabia is to defend itself from an upheaval from within, modern anti-aircraft systems and armored vehicles are not the kinds of weapons needed. If there is outside aggression, it would probably come from a major world power against which the Saudis could not defend themelves in any event, he argued.

The Israelis also contended that, contrary to their moderate image, the Saudis have declared a holy war against Israel and stubbornly refused to participate in the peace process in the Middle East.

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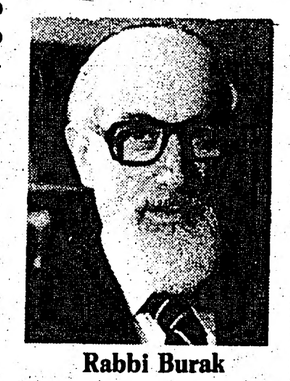
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Do you see anything wrong in the youngest child in a family getting married ahead of his older brothers and sisters?

It was Laban who announced to a bewildered and stunned Jacob that instead of giving him Rachel as his wife he had given him Leah because "It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the first-born." (Genesis, 29:26).



Rabbi Burak

While no one approves of his swindle, his idea on priority appears valid. Thus, Tosfos, in Tractate Kiddushin, 52A, seems to indicate that a great authority upheld this principle.

Here is the way Tosfos presents the case. A certain father had several daughters to marry off. A young man came to him with a ring, and said to him, "Behold, thy daughter is betrothed unto me with this ring...."

But, since he had neglected to say which daughter he was betrothing, this caused quite a problem. Rabbenu Tam ruled that the eldest daughter was the one he had married.

Some authorities, however, claimed that Rabbenu Tam withdraw this ruling; others would not admit such a withdrawal. The literature, listing the conflicting authorities, is given in a short paragraph in 'Einayim la-Mishpot (Arieli) on the above Tractate. Some materials, however, escaped his eagle eye, as follows:

The Talmud states, in Tractate Baba Basra, 120A, that "At a session (of law, or study) priority is given to wisdom; at a festive gathering, age takes precedence."

The Rashbam adds that the same applies to marriage, and so it is stated in the Code. At first glance, the plain meaning of this text is that we are discussing seating arrangements. At a festive gathering, such as a wedding feast, the best seating belongs to the aged.

I intend to expound this source, at another time, to indicate the impropriety of seating the bride's little brother or sister on a better seat than the one given to an aged grandparent. For instance, I have seen a grandparent seated at the end of the head table, while the little scamp sat close to the centre.

But, a different meaning altogether is presented to us by the Shach in his note 13 on the Code Yore De'ah, Chapter 244. He cites the Beth Chadash to the effect that our discussion in the Talmud relates to priority of marriage.

And if a father has several sons, one of whom is a fine scholar but is still very young, while another son is far from learned but is quite a bit older, the first to marry should be the older son. This is the meaning of that ruling "at a festive gathering, age takes precedence."

Still, all this refers to an age when marriages were arranged by the parents. So, all that the Shach was saying is that when a parent has it in his power to marry off the eldest or the youngest, he should opt for his eldest child. He should overlook his pride in the budding, young genius, and serve his first-born.

This means, that in today's society where children find their own mates, the ruling is different. This is especially true if the older child is picky, and continually finds fault with good proposals. Shall the younger one be forced to wait? No. That is the ruling by the Maharsham in his glosses on Baba Basra, and by Maharash Engel, volume 6, responsum 102.

Consulate in Denver rejected by Americans

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The U.S. government has rejected Israel's application to open a new consulate-general in Denver, Colo. The refusal is an embarrassment because the cabinet approved the appointment of veteran diplomat Yaacov Morris to be consul general four months ago and preparations have been going on to establish the Israel mission.

The U.S. decision was justified by the state department on the grounds that Denver is close to sensitive military installations. If Israel opens a consulate there, less desirable foreign missions might seek to follow suit and the American authorities do not wish to encourage this development, the state department explained.

Israel is understood to have appealed the initial rejection, but the appeal, too, was turned down. Foreign ministry sources here said the U.S. has suggested alternative sites in the Middle West but Israel so far has not accepted them.

Meetings with Reagan

Shamir, Arens, Herzog due in U.S.

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Israel's President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens will all be in the United States in the second half of November for major discussions that include meetings on two occasions with President Reagan at the White House.

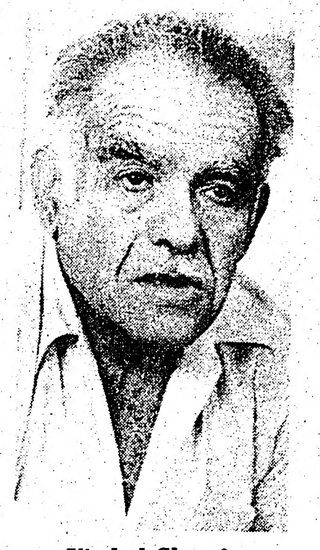
Shamir and Arens have been invited by Reagan to meet with him for an extension of the talks on U.S.-Israel strategic co-operation.

They will be in Washington Nov. 27, 28, and 29. Herzog and his wife, Ora, will be coming on what is technically a "private" visit.

Herzog will meet with Reagan on Nov. 22 for a half-hour session.

The last meeting between the Israeli and the U.S. president was last January, when the then-Israeli president, Yitzhak Navon, was in Washington.

Herzog will speak at the National Press Club, in Washington, on Nov. 23. While here, he will receive an honorary doctorate degree from Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic University in America.



Yitzhak Shamir

Moshe Arens

Scientific exchange

HALIFAX — A scientific linkage between Dalhousie University and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, was formally launched at a dinner held recently at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

The dinner also celebrated the 50th anniversary of scientific research at Weizmann.

The dean of the Dalhousie School of Medicine, Dr. Donald Hatcher, said the linkage between his university and Weizmann was important because scientific research is international in scope and has no territorial boundaries

Keynote speaker Murray Koffler of Toronto, chairman of the board of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, said the linkage reflects the importance of scientific exchange. Similar linkage programs now exist with the University of British Columbia and McMaster University. Koffler is also deputy chairman of the International Board of Governors of Weizmann.

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Criminal Code has little punch

Klan isn't being confronted seriously: author

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Virtually all governments, at all levels in Canada, have refused to confront the Canadian Ku Klux Klan in any serious or systematic fashion, charges the author of a new book on the subject.

And, said Julian Sher, law enforcement agencies are equally unwilling or unable to act.

Sher's book, White Hoods: Canada's Ku Klux Klan (New Star Books), is a historical survey of the KKK's development in this country. A McGill University graduate in history, Sher now works for CBC radio in Montreal.

Sher, 30, claimed in an interview that government has not confronted the Klan because its policies with regard to immigration, civil service hiring or the settlement of native land claims are often tainted with racism.

"When governments do move on the racism issue, it often seems they are more concerned with the appearance of doing something rather than actually solving a problem."

In his view, Roy McMurtry, the Ontario attorney general, typifies the attitude. In 1980 he said of the Klan: "They will be watched, but until they break the law, there is nothing we can do."

Sher contends that the criminal code and provincial anti-discrimination laws have little punch and therefore work to the Klan's advantage. As he put it: "They contain legal loopholes large enough to drive a burning cross through. And the interpretation of these laws by politicians and the courts has been so loose as to be ineffectual."

Various police forces, he said, play "a dubious role" in countering the Klan and other racist groups. "Fighting the KKK, for some policemen at least, appears to be a big joke."

Last year, several black Ontario Provincial Police officers found Klan application forms in their lockers, and OPP officials dismissed the incident as a prank, Sher said.

According to Sher, who is Jewish, the existence of the Klan is symptomatic of the racism endemic in Canadian society. "The Klan in Canada is only a visible scar, a trace of a much deeper sore that runs deep in a society with many ills. In that sense, any fight against the Klan has to be part of a wider effort to change a system where prejudice, inequalities and injustice persist."

Strictly speaking, the Klan is not strong at all in Canada. "At its peak a few years ago, they had a couple of dozen members in Toronto and Vancouver," he said.

There are about 300 persons on its mailing list, and cross burnings have attracted up to 75 members in white robes.

Toward the end of the 1920s, the Canadian Klan could boast a membership of between 30,000 and 40,000, Sher explained.

If the Klan is so small, why should Canadians be concerned about its activities? Because, Sher said, the Klan is "a litmus test" for Canadians to take a position on racism.

Today the Klan is at its strongest in Vancouver, and is headed there by Wolfgang Droege, a "committed Nazi." In Ontario, the Klan has collapsed as a result of internal rivalries, grassroots oppostion by ethnic and communal organizations, the arrest of several Klansmen, and a policy by the media not to give it what he calls "free publicity."

The Klan, Sher observed, is made up of three distinct kinds of members.

The leaders are "old World War II types still fighting the battle the Third Reich lost." Exerting the most ideological influence over the KKK, they are clearly the brains behind the movement. They include Droege, a 34-year-old Bavarian whose father sympathized with Nazism; Jacob Prins, a "fanatical anti-semite" who was reportedly a collaborator in his native Holland; Armand Siksna, a Latvian, and Martin Weiche, who was a pilot in the German air force.

Young white "losers" with a sense of low self esteem comprise the bulk of Klan membership, and they are its footsoldiers, Sher said.

The Klan also attracts what he described as "middle-class intellectuals" who appear to endow it with a veneer of respectability. However, they are a minority in the KKK.

James Alexander McQuirter, a 25-year-old Torontonian, was until his recent arrest the Klan's "respectable" spokesman. He was jailed for complicity in a plot to overthrow the government of Dominica, a tiny Caribbean island.

McQuirter, together with Don Andrews (of the Nationalist Party), is probably the "most intelligent" racist agitator in Canada.

Sher, who interviewed a few of the Klansmen, said their leaders are "eloquent, sophisticated" men who know their facts and seem normal as long as the topic is not the white race.

Sher, too, communicated by mail with a few other Klansmen, including Al Hooper, the leader in British Columbia. Hooper showed this reporter his nasty letter.

"We do not wish to correspond further with any jew!" Hooper wrote. "We cannot expect any unbiased reporting from a rabble-rousing jew. No further comment. Six million more."

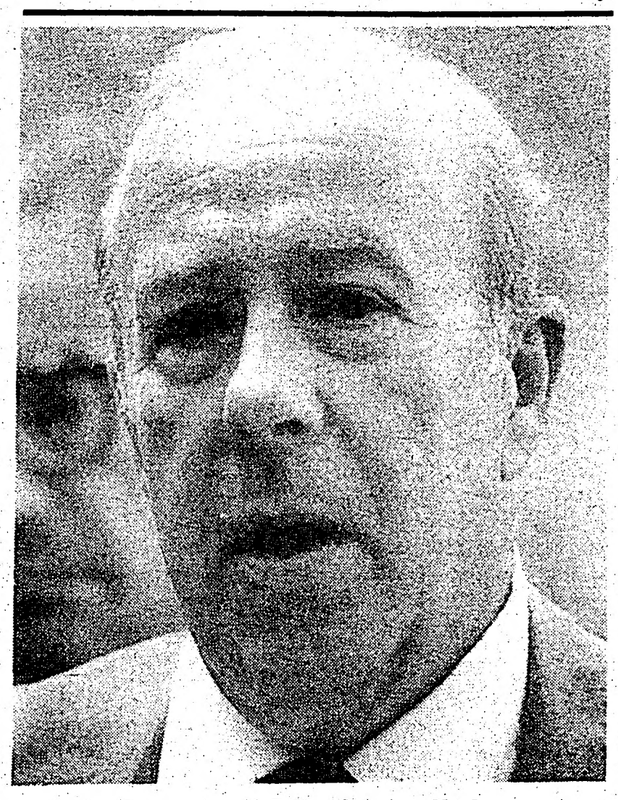
Although the Klan is anti-black, anti-Asian and anti-semitic, it has not published a clear, all-embracing statement on Jews or Israel, Sher said. As far as he knows, no Klan leader has ever spoken about deporting or killing Canadian Jews.

Sher, who recently completed a cross-Canada tour to publicize his book, said he started investigating the Klan two years ago after receiving from a private detective a membership list of Western Guard activists who moved over to the KKK.

As well, he said, he felt the media were carrying a lot of sensationalist, uncritical material about the Klan and he wished to remedy the situation.

Asked if he fears for his life now that White Hoods has been brought out, Sher said no. "They won't come after me. I'm a public figure . . . a CBC producer. They don't want to make a martyr out of me."

"Besides," he added, "silence is not the solution. The best protection you can get is in numbers, and not to pretend that there's no problem."



Secretary of State George Shultz

Dispute over aid now resolved

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

The behind-the-scenes quarrel between Israel and the United States recently over America's failure to avail itself of Israeli offers of medical aid to marines wounded in the bombing of their barracks on Oct. 23 has now been resolved.

Top Israeli officials say they are "fully satisfied" that the U.S. decision was not taken "at the political level" and was not motivated by political considerations. A warm letter from Secretary of State George Shultz to Premier Yitzhak Shamir and other U.S. reassurances delivered through diplomatic channels, helped to ease Israeli resentment and suspicions.

Israeli policymakers now accept the explanation offered by Reagan administration officials that the wounded U.S. marines were flown to U.S. army hospitals in Italy and West Germany rather than to the much closer and equally qualified Israeli hospitals because of a rigid observance by the Americans of their standing procedures.

The Israelis feel that it was unfortunate [for the wounded] that the U.S. Army Medical Corps did not react with more imagination and flexibility, as the French military did when it sent some of their wounded from the Beirut damage to hospitals in Israel. But Israeli policymakers no longer feel that a political desire to steer clear of Israel or to distance itself from Israel underlay the American decision.

Shultz, in his letter to Shamir, wrote:

"I want you to know the American people and my colleagues appreciate the outpouring of sympathy and offers of assistance from the government of Israel and from private Israelis from all walks of life on learning of the attack against the marines in Lebanon.

"I especially appreciated your government's taking extraordinary emergency steps to receive any wounded marines and offering all other possible assistance in the face of this tragedy.

"This is a point I made when appearing before Congress on Monday (Oct. 24). Your spontaneous action genuinely reflects the spirit of close cooperation and friendship which binds our countries together.

"In this instance we were able to care for our injured and wounded from our own resources. But I take deep satisfaction from knowing that Israel stands prepared to help us again in the future if the need arises."

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Editorial

MacEachen's approach

The public version of External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen's visit to the Middle East seems out of focus with Canada's traditional even-handed approach to Israel and the Arab states of the region. Does this really represent a change in Canadian policy?

The chances are that it does not. But Israel would be justified in thinking otherwise. The public record should be clarified by our foreign minister unless he wishes to leave the impression that Canada now cares more about Syria than Israel. Or that Cairo is respecting the Camp David accords and Jerusalem is not.

He was right to go to Damascus. Syria cannot be ignored in any solution of Lebanon's problems or indeed of those of the rest of the Middle East. This was the first time that a Canadian minister recognized this reality.

But what did Canada's minister say to his Syrian hosts? Did he call upon Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon? He did at the United Nations in September when he stated: "Canada strongly supports Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. Foreign troops must withdraw unless they are present at the specific request of the legitimate government of that country."

The Syrian forces are not in Lebanon at the request of President Amin Gemayel's government. On the contrary the Beirut government has formally asked them to leave. And still they linger on.

Mr. MacEachen said he was surprised about his visit to Syria and his talks with Syrian leaders. No doubt they were equally surprised when their visitor said only nice things about Syria's legitimate interests in Lebanon.

The minister was also nice to his Egyptian hosts. He even said that Canada "understood" Egypt's refusal to send a new ambassador to Israel. This was a major gaffe. Canada supports the Camp David agreements and they call for an exchange of ambassadors between Egypt and Israel. The continued absence of an Egyptian ambassador from Israel for over a year certainly doesn't promote peace or normalcy.

The public record also paints a picture of a cool reception by Israel to our minister. But it is barely conceivable that his Israeli hosts didn't offer him the full treatment reserved for the foreign minister of an old and trusted friend.

Israeli leaders undoubtedly spoke frankly and honestly to their visitor about both our agreements and our disagreements. It's unfortunate that public statements don't make this clear.

Syria is now being intransigent at the Geneva talks on Lebanon. Damascus might well wreck national recognition before it really begins. Syria has to be made to realize that it doesn't have a veto over the future of Lebanon. Unfortunately Mr. MacEachen didn't use his opportunity to make that point when in Damascus. At least there is no sign that he did.

More important, did he tell the Israelis that Canada stands behind their May agreement with Lebanon — which President Assad seems so intent on destroying. This should be done in no uncertain terms so that Syria doesn't interpret our silence as approval of its own destructive policies. **— Ottawa Citizen**

Jews represent 1% of student body

West Point building Jewish chapel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jewish cadets have graduated from every class of the U.S. Military Academy, at West Point, N.Y., since 1802. In fact, West Point's first graduating class, which consisted of two cadets, was 50% Jewish. Simon Levy, the Jewish graduate in question, was appointed a cadet for his heroics at the battle of Maumee Rapids.

Despite this record, Jewish cadets have not had their own chapel. By next spring, however, they will.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in December of 1982, and recently, the cornerstone was laid for the $6 million granite structure that will stand on a bluff overlooking the parade grounds.

Four hundred persons attended the ceremony at the site, between the academy's Catholic and Protestant chapels, and among the guests were Gen. Willard Scott Jr., the superintendent, and Patrick Hillier, the acting assistant secretary of defence.

A message from President Ronald Reagan hailed "the contribution of citizens of the Jewish faith who have served with distinction in every battle for freedom we Americans have fought" from pre-revolutionary times to the present.

Although the chapel is scheduled to be finished on time, the fund raisers — Jewish and non-Jewish individuals and organizations — are short $1.5 million as of now.

If the balance cannot be raised, it will be provided by Martin Silverman, president of the North American Corporation, says Herbert Ames, head of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund.

Silverman, Ames reports, guaranteed he would make up any difference.

When completed, the chapel will be a centre for religious worship, Judaica studies and holiday observances for the academy's current class of 45 cadets [who represent 1% of the total student body] and some 200 Jewish instructors, other military personnel and their dependents.

It will be open to visitors and will serve to familiarize gentiles with Jewish customs, traditions and religious ritual.

In an interview with the Jewish World of Long Island, N.Y., Ames said: "I think this is a marvelous opportunity to tell the rest of the United States the true story of the Jews and their devotion . . . to the United States. I think sometimes this is ignored, or it is simply unknown."

To many gentiles, he added, Jewish customs "are a total mystery."

At present, Jewish cadets use the non-denominational chapel or the chemistry lab auditorium.

In the U.S. all-volunteer regular army of 770,000, 3,200 personnel are listed as Jewish. Approximately one-third are commissioned officers, including 10 generals. Many of these officers are in the army's medical and legal services.

Of the 2 million men and women in all branches of the armed forces, 25,000 to 50,000 were born Jewish, according to The Jewish Week & The American Examiner. The army leads in self-identified Jews, followed by the air force, navy and Marine Corps.

Among the highest ranking army officers on active duty are: Lt.-Gen. Lincoln Faurer, director of the National Security Agency; Lt.-Gen. Bennett Lewis, deputy assistant secretary of defence for mobilization planning requirements, and Brig.-Gen. Eugene Fox, the man in charge of the Ballistic Missiles Defence Command.

Intellectual Raymond Aron was "last sage"

Raymond Aron, who died last month at the age of 78, was one of the leading French intellectuals of his generation.

The son of a distinguished jurist, Aron was a historian, sociologist, teacher and political pundit whom Claude Levi-Strauss, the noted anthropologist, called "our last sage."

An agnostic Jew, Aron died at the height of his powers. Last summer, he published his memoirs to rave reviews. A conservative philosopher, he believed that individual freedom is more important than social change.

Aron was consistently critical of all governments and suspicious of a strong state.

Although he abandoned all formal religious practices in his late teens, Aron never ceased to identify himself with Jews. After the Holocaust, he remarked, he considered himself a survivor.

Aron wrote one of his most deeply felt books — De Gaulle, Israel and the Jews — after the French leader displayed hostility toward Israel and Jews in the wake of the Six Day War. Yet Aron, an ardent supporter of Israel, was highly critical of Israel's policies in the occupied areas and in Lebanon.

For 30 years, he wrote a regular political column for Le Figaro, the Paris daily, and in 1977, he joined the weekly newsmagazine, L'Express. In 1955, he was given the chair of sociology at the Sorbonne.

Two of his best known books were Peace and War Between Nations — a study of international relations — and The Origins of the Algerian War, an analysis of that bitter North African conflict.

Balanced portrait of Baron James, a Rothschild

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His great, great granddaughter, Anka Muhlstein, has written a compelling, and fair, account of his life, **Baron James — The Rise of the French Rothschilds [The Vendome Press, $17.95].**

It is the story of a precocious young man who left his home in the ghetto of Frankfurt and went on to become one of the richest bankers in Europe. Years before his death, in 1868, one newspaper writer, obviously carried away by the image he cultivated, said:

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It is true that his gifted father, an Orthodox Jew, started the enduring legend of the Rothschilds. By 1813, two years after James arrived in Paris to make his mark, the Rothschilds played a crucial role in the transfer of British funds to continental Europe. Yet James enlarged upon the family's holdings, accumulating more money than even the formidable Bank of France.

Money, as the author points out early in the book, was James' "overriding preoccupation." And, although he had no firm political views and did not engage in intellectual speculation, he identified most comfortably with counter-revolution.

James, who could be crude, vulgar, abrupt, conceited, moody and altogether boorish, was on excellent terms with the elite of France. He entertained lavishly at his country estates, and Careme, the most illustrious chef of the day, ran his kitchen.

He was the first Rothschild not to be concerned with Orthodox Jewish beliefs, but he was fairly observant, rejecting the total assimilation of some of his co-religionists. James was heavily involved in communal affairs and, in the 1840s, he intervened in the notorious Damascus blood libel case.

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Beach front focal point of controversy

Taba dispute symbolic of Israel-Egypt relationship

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TABA —

It is sunset and Taba is peaceful.

On the sandy beach leading into the Red Sea, a visitor is enchanted by what he hears and sees.

From a Bedouin tent, the melodic strains of a Mozart piano concerto fill the air. A brilliant day grows dark as the sun sinks beneath the limpid gray waters of the Gulf of Aqaba.

As dusk descends on Taba, the pearly lights of Aqaba, the Jordanian port across the narrow gulf, come on. Further south, in the vastness of Saudi Arabia, the mountains grow opaque.

Is it possible that the harsh clamor of politics can intrude on such a simple scene of tranquility?

In Taba, the answer is yes.

Taba, south of Eilat, is the focus of a struggle pitting Israel against Egypt. Both countries claim this puny stretch of land and the dispute is symbolic of Israel's cool relationship with Egypt.

At issue here is a beach front half a kilometre long. On one corner of it is a sumptuous 5-star hotel, the Aviya Sonesta, famous for its nightly classical concerts on cassette. At the other end is Rafi Nelson's Holiday Village, noted for its abandoned ambience. Each property is owned and operated by Israelis.

For the moment, the Israeli investments seem safe. Israeli and Egyptian diplomats have not discussed Taba for more than one year now and talks do not appear imminent.

Both sides are sticking to their respective positions.

Israel claims that Taba is an extension of Eilat, whose sea route stretches to Africa and the Orient. Egypt claims that Taba is an integral part of the Sinai Peninsula.

For a while, the Taba dispute threatened to delay Israel's 1982 withdrawal from Sinai. As it turned out, Israel completed its long-awaited pullout on schedule, deferring the Taba problem for subsequent negotiations.

At the time, Israel and Egypt agreed to retain the status quo in Taba. But no one knew precisely how to define it.

The Israelis were in the midst of building the luxurious Aviya Sonesta, a 10-storey, $22 million structure, and they were under the impression that they could proceed.

The Egyptians contended that construction should be halted until the dispute could be resolved by diplomatic means.

The upshot of it all was that the Aviya Sonesta was completed a year ago last November amid mounting Egyptian objections.

Eli Papouchado, the prime initiator of the project, was on hand when the first guests registered in his stunning 340-room hostelry. So were many of Israel's Beautiful People.

It was against this background that Egypt requested a resumption of negotiations on Taba. Israel's reply was short and blunt. Prime Minister Menachem Begin said talks could only resume if Egypt exhibited a genuine interest in improving broader relations within the context of normalization.

Stung by the response, the Egyptians called upon international travel agencies not to accept bookings for the Sonesta. Responding to this, Israel's minister of tourism accused Egypt of having grossly violated the letter, if not the spirit, of the peace treaty.

Egypt's boycott call has apparently not worked, for the Aviya Sonesta appears to be thriving.

So, too, is Rafi Nelson's enterprise doing well.

Nelson, an eccentric who recently earned a wad of money for shaving off his trademark beard, runs a casual operation set among palm trees where topless swimming seems to be the norm. He has been doing business here since 1967. Many of his clients are northern Europeans who love the weather and the permissive atmosphere.

Virtually all Israelis in Eilat are of the opinion that Taba will remain in Israel's hands. Rina Maor, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office, said in an interview that Taba would not be handed back to Egypt because Egypt has no real historical claim to it.

Topless swimming is the norm at resort

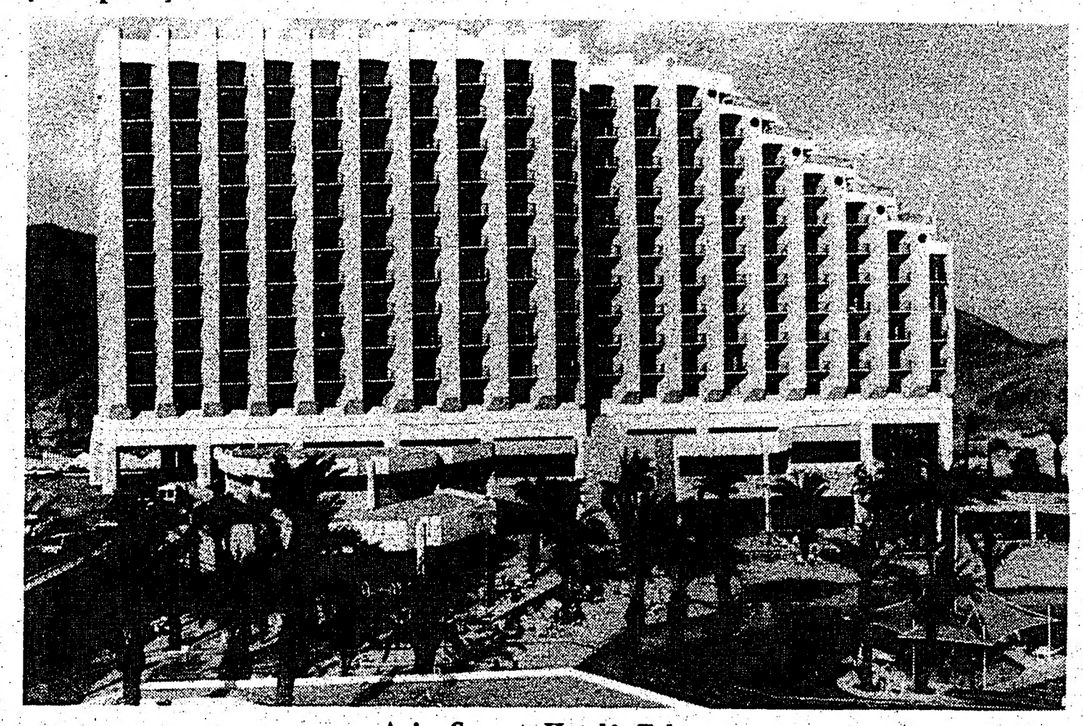
Despite the controversy generated by Taba, Egypt has not retaliated by closing the border checkpoint.

Thousands of Israelis and foreigners have crossed into Sinai from Taba, armed with a 7-day visa which is easily attainable at the border.

According to Maor, the Egyptian consul in Eilat is "friendly and helpful." However, travelers returning from Sinai have no means of transportation to Eliat, several kilometres away. At present, they must walk the distance, buses and taxis not being allowed to pick up fares at the frontier.

In general, the mood around Taba is relaxed. The Egyptian border police, clad in loosely fitting gray uniforms, mingle with travelers and Israeli officials so openly that one would never know about the conflict revolving around Taba.

Rafi Nelson, right, greets the Egyptian consul at his holiday village in the disputed Taba area. [IPPA photo]



Aviya Sonesta Hotel in Taba.

Still, there is an undercurrent of tension in Taba, which, after all, is an international border.

Israeli troops, though not much in evidence, man sandbagged positions in the rocky hills near Rafi Nelson's sybaritic retreat.

And, in the waters off the Aviya Sonesta, bobs an Israeli gunboat, boldly affirming Israel's claim to Taba.

Guindi family of Syria is grateful for freedom

TORONTO —

Freedom, it has often been noted, is appreciated most by those who have experienced it least.

By this dictum, the Jacob Guindi family, formerly of Aleppo, Syria, are appreciative of their new-found freedom in Israel. It was achieved only after an incredible and horrifying struggle to leave the country that is still holding the Jewish community of 4,500 hostage.

Toronto's kehillah, and the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, which is operating under the auspices of the Beth Tzedec Congregation, share in this great mitzvah of Pidyon Sh'vuim, the ransom of Jewish captives.

The story of the Guindi family, father Jacob, mother Leah and their seven sons, is one of shocking brutality on the one hand, the strength of the human spirit and the will to survie as Jews on the other.

They tried for several years to obtain passports enabling them to leave the country. This was denied by the "Jewish division" of the secret police, under the law prohibiting Jews from emigrating.

In 1978 and 1979, the three elder sons had made four attempts to escape. Each time they were betrayed by those paid to help pave the way for their exit. Each time they were thrown into military prisons for several months and brutally tortured.

The next attempt was made by the whole family, the youngest a 9-year-old. They were caught and imprisoned for two months. The older boys were held in tiny separate cells, blindfolded, questioned and beaten every day.

Again in 1979, plans to escape were defeated when the agent who had agreed, for a substantial price, to help them, instead reported them to the Border Police. They were returned to a political prison in Damascus, 30 people in one room. There were no toilet or washing facilities; there was only one ventilating shaft. One meal a day was provided.

Some of the men in the cell, among them members of the Moslem Brotherhood and Christians from Lebanon, had been held for three or four years . . . some had gone mad.

Moshe, the oldest, particularly underwent vicious torture and beatings. He tells of being tied to an oversize tire suspended from the ceiling. As the tire was spun, he was goaded with electric cattle prods until he collapsed.

The whole family, on release, were half-starved, had developed skin rashes and stomach problems. One of the boys, Aaron, suffered from severe head pains. Moshe, aged 23, became an epileptic after the beatings.

Intensive efforts from Toronto prevailed, and Moshe and his father were permitted to leave temporarily for medical treatment in New York.

Left behind with six sons, Leah was continuously harassed. At one time, the secret police threatened that if her husband did not return, she would have her eyes gouged out.

In sheer desperation, yet another escape was planned — this time successfully. Earlier this year, the family was reunited in Israel.

A new chapter and a new life have begun for the Guindi family. the transition from the oppressive years in Syria to life in Israel was made simpler by their knowledge of biblical Hebrew, which made their grasp of modern Hebrew easier.

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"On my way to Boys Town Jerusalem this morning, two teen-age boys greeted me with a cheerful "boker tov." The two are brothers — Rachmin and Yosef — new students in our school."

So begins a letter datelined "Erev Rash Hashanah 5744" from Rabbi Moshe Linchner, dean of Boys Town Jerusalem, to friends in Canada. The two students he refers to are the youngest brothers in the Giundi family.

It is no coincidence that they were invited to enrol at BTJ. Since its founding in 1949, the thrust of the school's admission policy has been directed to the children of those families least able to afford the required tuition fees. In Israel, unlike Canada and other Western countries, primary and high school levels of education are only partially subsidized by the government.

As a result of this approach, the years have seen boys from Morocco, Afghanistan, Iran and Russia pass through its classrooms. It took patience, special attention and personal dedication on the part of staff members to break through the initial barriers of language, cultural differences and loneliness, when the boys are separated from their families, as were the group from Iran.

When the school was asked to arrange weekly classes for hard-of-hearing youngsters, several teachers had to prepare for them by taking a crash course in sign language. The personal interest and affection that the teachers and instructors show toward their charges have become a byword among those aware of this concept in education.

Rachamim and Yosef are already making their mark at BTJ. The staff recognizes the above-average progress being made and predict a top-of-the-class finish.

Rabbi Linchner's comments about them continue in this letter:

Here at BTJ Rachamim and Yosef have never been so happy in their lives. The other boys took them to their hearts. The boys' teachers say that they are learning with an unquenchable fervor. They are learning to walk with their heads high after a childhood lived in fear and terror. Most important, they can practice their faith and live openly as Jews.

It may have been a coincidence but as I went on my way I heard the sound of the shofar coming from the BTJ synagogues. The prayer, "Sound Thou a great shofar for our deliverance" came to my mind. It seemed the fulfilment of that ancient prayer.

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The Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands operates out of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto M5P 3K3; the Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem office is at 2788 Bathurst St., Suite 200, Toronto M6B 3A3.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, brief [no more than 250 words], typewritten [double spaced, please], free of libel, and of interest to our reading public. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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HE DEBUNKS PEACE NOW

At a time when peace talks and open warfare rage in tiny Lebanon, the address given by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg ("Rabbi believes Jewish world split in half," Nov. 3), merits some comment.

Yes, when have we, as a people, ever agreed unanimously? The only possible exception would be Israel's birth in 1948 — and, at the time, certain ultra-Orthodox groups were not all that happy with that outcome, either.

But the good rabbi does err when he says "personal autonomy" in an undivided Israel, where Arabs hold status as Jordanian citizens runs contrary to democracy. This is, I believe, a policy which would find favor in Marxist and other far-left causes.

To publicly state Israel's summer invasion was not to reinstate lawful government, nor bring peace to Galilee, but rather eliminate Palestinians, is yet another example of poor judgment.

Now I know why I, for one, cannot support Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

Jerry Lerman
Toronto

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LAUDS CARR FOR TARRING STAR

So the Toronto Star has been slapped over the wrist by the Press Council for its anti-Israeli barrage based upon the unsubstantiated Giannou tale of alleged Israeli army brutality in Lebanon ("Star's Lebanon stories are called 'unbalanced,'" Nov. 3, CJN).

Hardly an adequate retribution for the anguish caused to its Jewish readers.

However, showing up the Star in this instance would have been impossible but for the painstaking efforts of Donald Carr, who, in his own time and by dint of intensive personal investigation, dug up the true facts which the Star refused to publish.

The purpose of this letter is to thank Mr. Carr for his devotion to the Zionist ideal.

L. A. Mallinick
Toronto

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"LOCKER ROOM" DRAMA? TUT-TUT

My husband and I are average theatre-goers and like to support Toronto theatre groups. But we were greatly disappointed when we paid $21 for a pair of tickets to see Taking Steam at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

We were exposed to 75 minutes of drivel which should never have left the locker room and never appeared on the legitimate stage.

We hope the Leah Posluns takes a serious look at itself and offers the public programming that will not be an insult to our intelligence.

Florence Wunch
Toronto

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OOPS, SORRY FOR OMISSION

Could you possibly do a small addendum in connection with a reference that was edited out of my 4-column Oct. 27 article headed "Modest Rasminsky honored at Ben-Gurion University dinner."

It should have included the fact the dinner was sponsored and organized by the Ottawa branch of the BGU under its president, Erwin Koranyi. Rasminsky helped found the branch a year ago.

Gaye Applebaum
Ottawa

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A BOUQUET TO BELFON

Many thanks to Leah Belfon for her Oct. 20 article headed "Lubavitch Centre rises in Toronto."

She writes in a straight forward, yet friendly style, that's a joy to read.

Karen Leah Adinim
Toronto

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GEE, THANKS FOR COMPLIMENT

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto continues to be one of the most visible and foremost institution in Toronto's Jewish Community.

This position could not be maintained, however, without the outstanding co-operation of The Canadian Jewish News; co-operation that includes the regular publication of weekly press releases, feature stories and paid supplements.

You and your staff are to be commended and thanked for helping to assure that The Canadian Jewish News is the primary source of information to the Jewish community of Toronto.

Thanks for a job well done.

Sid L. Brail
Executive director
Jewish Community Centre
Toronto

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CLAIMS ERROR ON KEEGSTRA

I would like to commend The Canadian Jewish News, and especially reporter Tammy Karol for making a significant effort to cover events in Western Canada during the last few months.

However, regarding her Nov. 3 article, "Committee to study tolerance in school system," I would like to clarify a few points:

The brief presented by the League for Human Rights was an Alberta League report. The major presentors were Isaac Paul, from the Calgary committee, and Aaron Oshry, chairman, League for Human Rights, Edmonton. Oshry provided an overview of our work in Edmonton as well as a number of suggestions for action on behalf of the Alberta committee.

On another matter, I am quoted in the article as saying that "the committee is a way for the government to get out of doing something about Keegstra."

At no time did I say this.

It is our feeling that the catalyst for the creation of the committee was the Keegstra affair, and, in fact, this is just one of the steps presently being taken by the Alberta government to address both the direct and indirect implications of that event.

At the same time, there are some people in Alberta who contend that the committee is a whitewash, as well as others, like Hunsperger, who feel that it is an unnecessary overreaction. We do not agree with either criticism.

I am most optimistic about the eventual results of the committee's work.

Alan Shefman
League for Human Rights of
B'nai B'rith
Toronto

Editor's note: Tammy Karol replies:

"According to my notes, Shefman told me the committee may be a way for the government to get out of the Keegstra affair. He did not say the committee 'is a way' to get out of the Keegstra affair."

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BASKET LADY A CELEBRITY

Re Cynthia Gasner's Oct. 6 article, "Hospital visit started basket gift business":

Many thanks for the beautiful article on me and Baskets Gift Service. Your readership is fantastic, as my phone hasn't stopped ringing — not to mention the fact that I am recognized everywhere.

Judy Holland
Toronto

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WE'RE HAPPY TO SPREAD THE JOY

Thank you so much for the wonderful Oct. 27 article on Rabbi Joseph Kelman by Frank Rasky ("Wife calls 'foundation of joy' founder a happy guy").

The response that we have been receiving has been just fantastic and I know that Rabbi Kelman was very pleased.

The article has done a tremendous amount to illustrate the Reena Foundation's goals and accomplishments.

On behalf of the Reena Foundation's board of directors, please accept my sincerest thanks.

Harvey Adelman
Toronto

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A ROSE FOR RUCKER

I have just finished reading the Nov. 3 article written about Canadian Hadassah-WIZO by Patricia Rucker. I was moved to tell you how impressed I was.

I admired very much the skill with which she captured the essence of our organization and graphically conveyed it to your readers.

Mirial Small
Toronto

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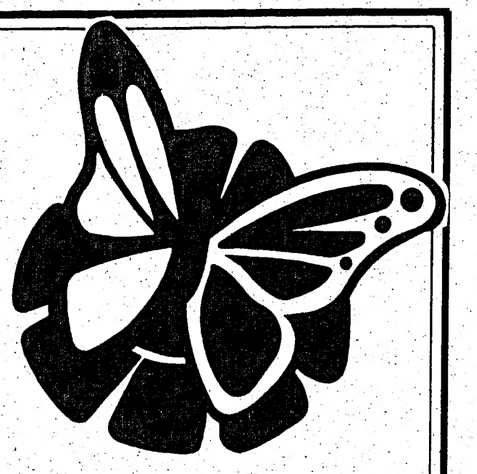

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

"Little Doctor" Yechezkel Atlas was killed Nov. 21, 1942. He was one of the earliest and best known of Jewish partisan commanders, challenging Nazi might at its peak from the forests of Byelorussia.

Born in 1910 near Lodz, Atlas was forced by Poland's quota system to leave the country to study medicine. He returned in 1939 with his MD degree from the University of Bologna — just in time for the German invasion.

He, his parents, and 17-year-old sister joined the thousands of other Jews fleeing east to Soviet-occupied Poland. The family settled in Kozlowszyzna, in the Slonim district. There he began to practice medicine, in an unsettled atmosphere rendered more uncertain every day by horrible accounts of torture and genocide brought in by the constant stream of refugees.

The massive German drive eastward that begun June 22, 1941, trapped close to 2 million Jews. Their speedy destruction was the aim of SS Einsatzgruppen units accompanying the regular German troops. The SS recruited local anti-semites in the Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia to terrorize and destroy every Jewish community, however small.

Ghettoization techniques perfected in nearly two years of occupation in Poland were augmented by a new ferociousness and abandon. No Jews were to be spared. The killing ground extended the height of Europe, from the Black Sea in the south to the Baltic in the north, and across almost half the continent's length, from eastern Poland to the Volga River.

Atlas' district fell early, its communities sealed off into ghettos awaiting their fate. In May, 1942, the Jews of Kozlowszcyzna were herded into the marketplace and shot by an SS-commanded Lithuanian squad. Atlas alone was spared, sent to be the physician for a nearby village.

On July 24, hundreds of Jews were murdered in the Dereczyn ghetto 30 km. away. The few survivors and several other stragglers formed the nucleus of a Jewish partisan band that Atlas organized. They left for the forest.

The group was forced to bide its time as the Soviet partisan command deliberated on its untried fighting potential. Atlas begged permission to go into action. Finally, in August, he led an attack on Dereczyn. In a show of bravery amazing both Soviets and Nazis, the Jews drove out the Germans and seized the town. On the mass grave of Dereczyn's Jews, they executed 44 policemen before retiring with fresh arms and equipment.

It was one of the first major victories for the entire partisan movement. The former despairing ragged refugees were now a disciplined military unit, in high Russian boots, leather knapsacks, and Dereczyn's best small arms.

Several days later, against great odds, Atlas' unit destroyed a bridge 20 km. away used by the Germans to transport military equipment eastward. A week later — after having to wrangle the necessary munitions from the Soviets — Atlas conducted the region's first train derailment.

Atlas' attack on his former home town, Kozlowszyzna, was repulsed by a strong and alerted German garrison, but not before he and another partisan, Elijah Kowansky, swam across the river and back under a hail of bullets to overtake and kill two fleeing Ukrainian guards.

He managed to steal into town under the noses of the Germans one night to recite the kaddish over its mass grave.

The Germans expanded their garrison in Ruda, a town in the centre of the forest, and launched punitive sorties to curtail partisan activity. On Oct. 8, Atlas' unit drove them out, and gathered the arms, equipment, clothing and food necessary to survive the rapidly approaching winter. They continued to ambush Nazi troops, intercept supply convoys and derail trains.

With fresh reserves and troops from the Eastern Front, the Germans launched an all-out assault in the forest on Nov. 21. Among the many casualties was Atlas. He spent his dying breath imploring his men to keep fighting.

Atlas was posthumously honored as a Hero of the Soviet Union, the USSR's highest award for bravery in combat.

Two Jewish institutes affected

Calgary ends day school contracts

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

In the wake of municipal school board elections fought over the issue of religious schools in the public system, the Calgary Public School Board has voted 7-2 to terminate board contracts with two Jewish day schools and two branches of a mainline Protestant school.

Under the Alberta Schools Act, which was hailed as landmark legislation by groups across the country which support public funding for independent religious schools, alternative schools can affiliate with a public school board, and receive funding on the same basis as any other public school.

(Religious instruction remains the responsibility — educationally and financially — of the parents.)

The Calgary Hebrew School and the I. L. Peretz School have been affiliated with the Calgary public board since 1976. More recently, Logos, a Christian school, affiliated and expanded rapidly.

Gerry Burden, newly elected chairman of the Calgary board of trustees, told The CJN in a telephone interview that it was the expansion of the Christian school, coupled with applications from an Islamic group, that sparked opposition to the concept of funding for religious schools.

"The basic platform is that this sort of thing could not continue in a public system because it would become totally fragmented," Burden said.

Burden expressed some sympathy for the plight of the Jewish schools, but pointed out that, "to be consistent, they have to go too . . . it's unfortunate."

But, in an ironic twist, Jews in Calgary may start paying school taxes to the Calgary Separate School Board, a Catholic board, in response to the public board's decision.

Calgary lawyer Joseph Spier, a past president of both the Calgary Jewish Community Council and the Calgary Hebrew School, estimated the potential financial loss to the public board as "substantial."

Under the Alberta School Act of 1970, Spier said, taxpayers who are neither Protestant nor Catholic have the right to direct their taxes to either the public or the separate board.

Corporations are considered to have no religion. Dr. Stuart Ross, president of the Calgary Hebrew School Society, told The CJN by phone that he has received several offers from non-Jewish firms to switch their taxes to the Catholic board.

Switching taxes

"Calgarians have a lot of pride in how they deal with minorities," he said.

Another option being considered by the Jewish schools is to petition the province to set up a Jewish school board.

A 1923 decision by the judicial committee of the Privy Council, on appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada, gives provinces the right to set up publicly supported boards for non-Christians, Spier said.

A third option, which Spier felt was unlikely to succeed, was to mount a challenge under Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which will prohibit discrimination on the basis of, among other things, religion and national or ethnic origin.

That section does not become operative until the spring of 1985.

Spier also suggested that the two Jewish day schools could consider reapplying at some future date on the principle that they are cultural schools.

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Alberta seeks extradition of doctor from Israel

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Alberta's attorney-general sent an extradition request to the federal deputy minister of justice Oct. 28, but there has been no reply so far from the government.

Apprehension and transfer of Gal will depend on negotiations between Canada and Israel, but Israeli law says charges against its citizens must be heard inside Israel, which could hinder any extradition attempt.

According to a spokesman in Canada's external affairs department, Canada and Israel do have an extradition treaty, which came into force in 1969, yet Israel does not enforce it on Israeli nationals.

Oxana Kaluzny, crown counsel in the federal justice department, also pointed out last week that a 1978 Israeli law forbids the extradition of its citizens, but that the law may not be valid internationally. However, Israel may prosecute its own nationals on behalf of the petitioning country if sufficient evidence is provided, she said.

Avi Granot, press attache at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, pointed out that he knows of no current binding extradition treaty between Canada and Israel.

He said he heard of the 1969 agreement, but explained it may have expired, involved only certain crimes, or was superceded by other treaties.

Granot said it is now up to external affairs to decide whether material submitted on Gal is sufficient to ask for his extradition. "If so," he added, "we'd want to know what stipulations the treaty has, whether it relates particularly to this doctor's case, and whether it's bilateral or deals with other countries."

John Scrimshaw, spokesman for Attorney-General Neil Crawford, pointed out that the Gal case is unusual because it deals with moral questions. He said he knows of no other case where Alberta has requested the extradition of a foreigner charged with first-degree murder and believes this is the first time Ottawa would be extraditing an Israeli.

Even if extradition is possible, Scrimshaw expects it will take several months. He noted that if Gal is tried in Canada, he would stand before Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench and would face life imprisonment for first degree murder.

Granot said if Canada decides to request extradition, the order would be channeled through his embassy. He added that Israelis can stand trial in Israel for crimes committed outside the country, as long as the crimes are considered crimes in Israel too.

"We must make sure the crime was committed and show there was evidence of criminal intent before we determine whether the individual will stand trial in Israel," Granot said.

The unusual death of Candace Taschuk on Oct. 8, 1982 only came to light in January 1983 during a routine follow-up of hospital records.

It was the subject of a police investigation last spring and a lengthy judicial inquiry held this Aug. 24.

Alberta Provincial Court Judge Carl Rolf ruled in the latter proceeding that he could not decide whether the morphine was the cause of death or whether the child had died naturally 16 hours after birth because of its medical condition.

Several doctors testified at the Aug. 24 hearing that the baby's chances of survival were extremely slim.

Gal was described by senior doctors at University Hospital and the College of Physicians and Surgeons as a serious compassionate man who was a model physician.

The Israeli doctor was interrogated by senior staff and administrators at the university hospital after records revealed the overdose of morphine.

Gal's case then went to Dr. Roy Le Riche, registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Alberta. Le Riche reviewed the Taschuk files and the college's president suspended Gal from the CPSA till a proper inquiry was conducted.

The CPSA has not had contact with Gal since last February. But late last spring, the deputy chief medical examiner of Alberta, Dr. Jennifer Rice, conducted her own inquiry into the Gal case and ordered a police investigation. As a result of these proceedings, another hearing took place in provincial court under the Fatalities Inquiries Act.

Le Riche described the Israeli doctor as a very kind gentleman, dedicated to his profession. He said he was sympathetic to what happened but the College had to take certain steps in response to medical ethics.

"If Dr. Gal made a mistake, it was that he should have gone back and consulted with staff doctors or the head of the neo-natal department. Remember, he was here as a relatively junior person and there were other senior people he could have turned to," Le Riche said.

Le Riche denied reports that Gal told him he had administered the large amount of morphine because he could not stand to see the Taschuk child suffer.

The Israeli doctor originally planned to go to the U.S. for a year-long residence, working with newborns at Cincinatti's Children's Hospital.

But Dr. David Schiff, head of the neo-natal unit at the University of Alberta Hospital, met with Gal in early 1982 during a visit to Israel, and persuaded him to join his department.

When contacted by The CJN last week, Schiff said he did not want to discuss the Gal case.

Dr. Edward Ardon, head of pediatrics at Eilat's Joseph Thal Hospital, was more open to questioning.

He described his colleague as a "good and competent doctor." He added that the Canadian press had blown Gal's case out of proportion.

In a newspaper interview last week, Gal denied two brief news stories quoting him as saying Edmonton residents are anti-semitic.

The stories recently appeared in the Israeli evening newspapers, Maariv and Yediot Aharonot. They linked Gal's furor over allegations of mercy killing against him to anti-semitism in Edmonton.

Yediot Aharonot quoted Gal as saying "in my opinion the background to the inflation of this incident by Canadians is clearly anti-semitic."

Maariv quoted the doctor as saying the city of Edmonton "is one of the most primitive in Canada," with a population composed mainly of people of Ukrainian origin with strong anti-semitic feelings.

The Maariv story also incorrectly identified James Keegstra, ex-mayor of Eckville, as mayor of Edmonton. Keegstra was fired from a teaching job at an Eckville school for teaching that an international Jewish conspiracy exists and that the Holocaust was a hoax.

Keegstra was described by Maariv as "Canada's best known anti-semitic agitator."

TRIBUTE TO BB

Dr. Harvey Lithwick, president of Ottawa's Jewish Community Council [centre], presents JNF Negev dinner citations to Frances Greenblatt and Lou Eisenberg, representing B'nai B'rith men and women in the city. The dinner, billed as a tribute to BB for 140 years of service to the community, and, latterly, Israel, was addressed by guest speaker Rev. Roland de Corneille, Liberal MP for Toronto Eglinton Lawrence. From 1971 to 1979, de Corneille was national director of BB's League for Human Rights. Also appearing at the dinner were Don Jubas, BB national president and Nancy Cooperberg, president-elect of National B'nai B'rith Women. Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan represented the federal government. Proceeds from the $150-a-plate dinner will go to development of Galil Canada, where JNF is preparing infrastructure for 14 new villages.

Rabbi founded Young Israel

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in his prolific writing over many decades. A bibliography of his printed works on the occasion of his 100 birthday included over 700 items.

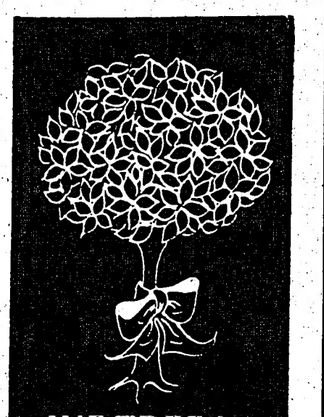
Born in Lithuania, Kaplan came to the U.S. with his parents at the age of eight. Kaplan was ordained in 1902 and began to serve as minister of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York. Later he became the rabbi there after receiving his ordination on a trip to Europe in 1908.

Appointed as the dean of the teachers' institute of the JTS in 1902, Kaplan worked there for a half a century, retiring in 1963.

He immigrated to Israel several years ago and taught at the Hebrew University. He recently returned to the U.S.

Kaplan was considered an intellectual giant and was one of the key figures, along with Judah Magnes, Israel Friedlander and Samson Benderly, in the development of various intellectual circles in New York before World War I. One of his earliest acts was the founding of Young Israel.

In the June, 1980 issue of The Reconstructionist, Kaplan was described as the one man who has taught at least three generations of Jews "how to think about Judaism in the modern world."



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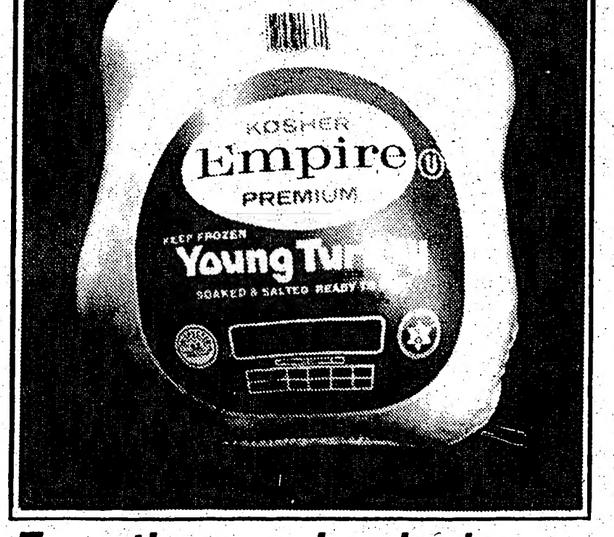

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Myopic Jews place themselves outside community

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Anti-semites and even some well - meaning friendly non-Jews believe that Jews are always, or at least almost always, of one mind and singularly dedicated to most things that affect Jewish life and interests.

They are wrong, of course, and no one knows that better than the Jews themselve

This lack of unity and mind-boggling diversity of individual and group approach to national Jewish issues never crop up more glaringly than during the major national fund raising campaigns. The current United Jewish Appeal, or the United Israel Appeal drives across the land did, once again, reveal this negative aspect of our reality.

J. B. Salsberg

In making this statement, I do not suggest that our major fund raising efforts are meeting with anything less than with encouraging and even inspiring results. To my knowledge all UJA or UIA campaigns this year are meeting all optimistic expectations; and this despite the prevailing economic recession in the country.

This is a tribute to the national consciousness and to the self-disciplined, voluntaristic dedication of the overwhelming majority of our people. But this overall bright picture can not conceal the gloomy image of the minority that places itself, for one reason or another, outside our community borders.

In this context I do not include the pitiful individuals who, because of miserliness or total lack of personal responsibility, squirm and wiggle their way out of the ranks of the majority. Many in this unpleasant category are, in my opinion, candidates for the psychiatrist's couch. They may deserve more pity than contempt.

The categories that are uppermost in my mind at present are the so-called ideological or political puritans who turn their backs on the overriding national obligations because they got hung-up on a single and often, on only a peripheral and transitory issue that binds them to the essential features of our national needs at this crucial time.

In their failure to persuade the majority of the local, the Israeli or the world Jewish community to their pet idea or viewpoint, they proceed to punish the majority of Jewry, and especially Israel, by withholding their financial assistance. They turn their backs on the needs of "klal Yisroel" (the Jewish collective) because of their myopic concentration on a single issue.

In this fanatical category I do not include the traditional "anti-Zionists" of the extreme right and extreme left. But I do include those who, aside from being sidetracked by their momentary hang-up, are otherwise Jewishly normal in their attitudes and obligations towards Israel and the world Jewish community. This category is, therefore, painfully irritating to me.

For instance:

— There are some to whom the Jewish state is an abomination because it hinders [in their fanatical minds] the Messianic process. They would prefer to be citizens of the Arabic state of Jordan than to be considered as citizens of Israel; a status which they disown.

The Moscow-influenced Jews who endorse the kremlin-concocted "Anti Zionist" association that is formally headed by the well known kremlin apologist, Gen. Dragunsky, are in the same category as the religious fanatics on the right. These people in our midst are the "ideological" refugees from the ranks of the world Jewish community. A rachmones (pity) of zey, says my uncle Eliezer.)

— Then there are those who share, in varying degrees, the basic ideologies of the two extremes but who are too well known to cop out altogether during the financial drives. They offer token contributions that are totally incompatible with their capacity to give. Their major funding (true in some cases) is directed only to causes that are in full conformity with their "ideologies." (Beser vi gornisht (better than nothing), says my good uncle.)

— I also know of some who reduced or completely discontinued their giving to the central funds appeals (even though UJA gifts cover also all local Jewish needs) because of their colossal misreading of Israel's and the World Jewish Congress' activities on behalf of the trapped and mistreated Ethiopian Jews.

They are pathetically out of step with the rest of Jewry on this issue. Their single-mindedness causes this small and well intentioned group to turn their backs on the needs of all other Jews. (None, says my uncle Eliezer, can be more blind than those who refuse to see. To which I would add; and those who even refuse to listen.)

— Yes, and I heard of a few who hesitated to make this year's offering to UIA because of their disagreement with the Israeli government's policies in Lebanon. In almost all such cases the waverers did finally come through when they realized that one cannot cut off the financial pipeline to Israel everytime one disagrees with a given policy of Israel's government of the day.

In fact, a very great number of UIA and UJA contributors not only renewed but increased their gifts while openly expressing their disapproval of one or more policies of the government of Israel.

And so, my friends, I got this off my chest, as they say. What I had to say may very well displease some casual readers of this column. I won't apologise for that. As for the regular, the creme de la creme of this paper's readership, they will, I'm sure, fully agree.

Marc Lalonde

Marc Lalonde draws large crowd at Primrose

TORONTO — Federal Finance Minister Marc Lalonde drew a crowd of some 300 people at the Primrose Club last week, one of the largest attendances for any speaker in the Jewish club's history.

The audience was predominantly composed of businessmen and professionals and the finance minister was introduced at length by Senator David Croll. It was the first time Lalonde ever gave a speech at the Primrose Club.

Lalonde's basic message was that the economy is recovering nicely and that he doesn't expect interest rates to go up next year. "Further progress against inflation is one of the major issues for discussion in the current round of consultations between the federal government and private sector groups," he said.

The federal finance minister stressed that less inflation means more jobs and noted that in a period where the inflation rate has dropped from 9.3% to 5%, the unemployment rate has also dropped from 12.8% to 11.1%.

He also noted that continued progress against wage inflation is a vital part of the effort to reduce inflation, as wages represent close to 60% of the gross national product and the largest single component of costs of goods and services.

Paper wins award

TORONTO — An in-depth report by the Edmonton Journal on the firing of Alberta school teacher Jim Keegstra for teaching that the Holocaust was a hoax won the major press award of the 9th annual Media Human Rights Awards.

The award was presented this week by B'nai B'rith Canada's League for Human Rights at a reception attended by more than 200 people at the King Edward Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Winner in the TV category was a documentary titled Japanese Canadians: A Call For Justice produced by Janet Leissner for CBC's The Journal news program and written by journalist Russ Froese. It dealt with the humiliations suffered by British Columbia's Japanese-Canadian community during World War II.

A documentary on the Keegstra affair, Lessons In Hate, produced by Morris Karp for CBC's The Journal, also won a TV honorable mention award.

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World-National

Israelis reopen bridges

Sixth Fleet's presence strains U.S.-Syria relations

[Cont'd. from page 1]

their missiles when F-14 Tomcats flew over Syrian-controlled positions.

Although Weinberger discounted the incident, Robert McFarlane, Reagan's national security advisor, warned Syria the U.S. would not tolerate similar attacks. To ensure the Syrians understood the message, the U.S. decided to cut off aid to Syria, which totaled $120 million last year.

France, which contributes a contingent of troops to the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut, expressed concern about the escalation of incidents.

Its foreign minister, Claude Cheysson, spoke of "fleet movements and singularly aggressive statements."

The Israelis, still hurting from the destruction of their command centre in Sidon, reopened the bridges over the Awali River — which marks Israel's front line in southern Lebanon — and permitted limited vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Around Beirut, the jittery ceasefire — which came into effect in September after the stoppage of fighting in the Shouf Mountains — was temporarily shattered after clashes broke out between Shi'ite gunmen and soldiers of the Lebanese army. In the crossfire, one marine was wounded.

Observers said the fighting was the heaviest in nearly two months.

As more blood flowed, representatives of Lebanon's various religious and ethnic factions were meeting in Geneva and actually agreeing on key principles of political and constitutional reform.

According to reports, the Lebanese agreed on the principle of parity between Moslems and Christians in parliament — which indicated a willingness to scrap Lebanon's 1943 National Pact under which power was apportioned according to population rolls.

Interestingly, the National Salvation Front — composed of pro-Syrian Lebanese opposed to Lebanon's May 17 withdrawal accord with Israel — raised no objection to the proposition that the presidency should remain in Christian hands and that a Moslem should be the prime minister.

However, they called for the creation of a senate and a vice-presidency which would enable all factions to gain proportional representation.

If the reforms go through, Lebanese Moslems will exert greater influence in the affairs of state, dashing Israel's goal of establishing a Christian - dominated Lebanon.

In northern Lebanon, hundreds lay dead after rebel forces, backed by Syria, Libya and Iran, pressed on against a besieged Yasser Arafat and his estimated 8,000 followers in the Tripoli area.

Arafat, facing the challenge of his career as PLO leader, promised he would do "everything in my power to avert a bloodbath" in the city. But he said he would not leave it unless the rebels — who want to pursue a harder line against Israel — offered certain security guarantees. These were not forthcoming by the beginning of this week.

Arafat, in any case, announced he had moved six Israeli prisoners-of-war to safety after one of them apparently became "hysterical" under shellfire. The Israelis, who were captured in their observation post last year, are thought to be held in the Baddawi Palestinian refugee camp — an object of the rebels' drive.

Israel has bargained for their release, but without success so far.

Political analyst predicts . . .

Syria won't take on Israel

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

The ultimate effect of the internal PLO strife will be to relegate the remains of the organization to the status of Syrian surrogate for terrorist activities, says one of Israel's leading political commentators, Shmuel Katz.

Speaking at a press conference recently, Katz said the imminent ouster of Yasser Arafat spells the effective end to the PLO's ability to conduct independent action against Israel.

In the past, the organization received financing from various Arab states, he said, but was left to decide its own course. Now, with support becoming less widespread, the organization will be under tighter control.

"From Israel's point of view, it's an improvement on the previous situation," he maintained. "It will limit their activities, and it will enable Israel to identify the target more easily if it is attacked."

The columnist for Ma'ariv, Israel's largest daily newspaper, said that despite their announced massing of troops and reserves, it is unlikely that Syria will engage Israel militarily in the near future.

He noted that no Arab state has taken on Israel single-handedly, and president Assad is well aware he could not go it alone.

"It may be that they are mobilizing because they have persuaded themselves that Israel, together with the Americans, are going to attack," he said, adding that hints to this effect have emanated from Washington.

Both the U.S. and Israel, however, publicly disclaimed any such intentions, with senior American officials urging Syria to show "restraint and prudence."

The 1-time Begin adviser who broke ranks with the former Prime Minister by opposing the Camp David Accords, noted that Washington is now interested in an expanded Israeli role in Lebanon, an idea that is not appealing in Israel.

But it is conceivable, he added, that should both Jerusalem and Washington decide that joint action would convince Syria to leave, it would be undertaken.

"Simply demanding that Israel get more involved is just a knee-jerk reaction to a tragedy (the bombing of the Marines' Beirut headquarters," he said. "The best course of action would be to consult with Israel on how to better co-ordinate our efforts in the area."

Co-ordination, he said, poses difficult problems because of the Americans' "subservience" to the interests of Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia. He pointed to the rejection of Israel's offer for medical aid to Marine victims as evidence of the "absurdity" of American policy throughout the Middle East.

Katz, who was Begin's first emissary to the U.S. after his 1977 election, has just completed a 1-month tour of North America. He visited Montreal on behalf of the Tehiya Party to deliver a public lecture at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue.

Violence erupts on West Bank

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Violence escalated on the West Bank last week despite Defense Minister Moshe Arens' urgings to the Palestinians to "sober up, stop supporting the PLO and make peace with Israel."

The most serious incident occurred in Hebron where a 12-year-old Israeli girl from Moshav Yatir was hospitalized for injuries sustained when Arab youths stoned her school bus bound for Kiryat Arba, the Jewish township adjacent to Hebron. Armed Jewish settlers guarding the bus fired into the air to disperse the stone-throwers.

Later, the settlers broke into the local Arab high school and forced the headmaster to accompany them to the police station. He was released only after Israeli soldiers intervened. Meanwhile, angry Arab students demonstrated in the streets and pelted the offices of the Israel-backed Village Leagues with stones, smashing windows.

The Israeli authorities clamped a curfew on the Nablus casbah and on the Jalazoun refugee camp, near Ramallah, after stones were hurled at Israeli military and civilian vehicles. A curfew imposed on the Dahayshe refugee camp, near Bethlehem, remained in force. All adult males were rounded up in the village square and warned that they would be held responsible to see that the stonings ceased.

Tires were burned in the East Jerusalem Arab neighborhood of Wadi Jox, which is adjacent to Jewish neighborhoods.

In the wake of these incidents, two Israeli border policemen shot and killed two Palestinian youths after a rock-throwing incident on the West Bank town of Tulkarm, 21 miles northeast of Tel Aviv.

It marked the first time since July that Palestinians have been killed in a violent situation.

Daily chapters

The daily chapters in the international 3-year Bible reading cycle of the World Jewish Bible Society and the Jewish Agency are, for this week:

For Thursday, Nov. 17, Jeremiah 38; Friday, Genesis 32:4-36:43 (Vayishlach); Shabbat, Hosea 11:7-12:12 (for Ashkenazim) or the book of Obadiah (for Sephardim) — haftorah; Sunday, Jeremiah 39; Monday, Jeremiah 40; Tuesday, Jeremiah 41; Wednesday, Jeremiah 42.

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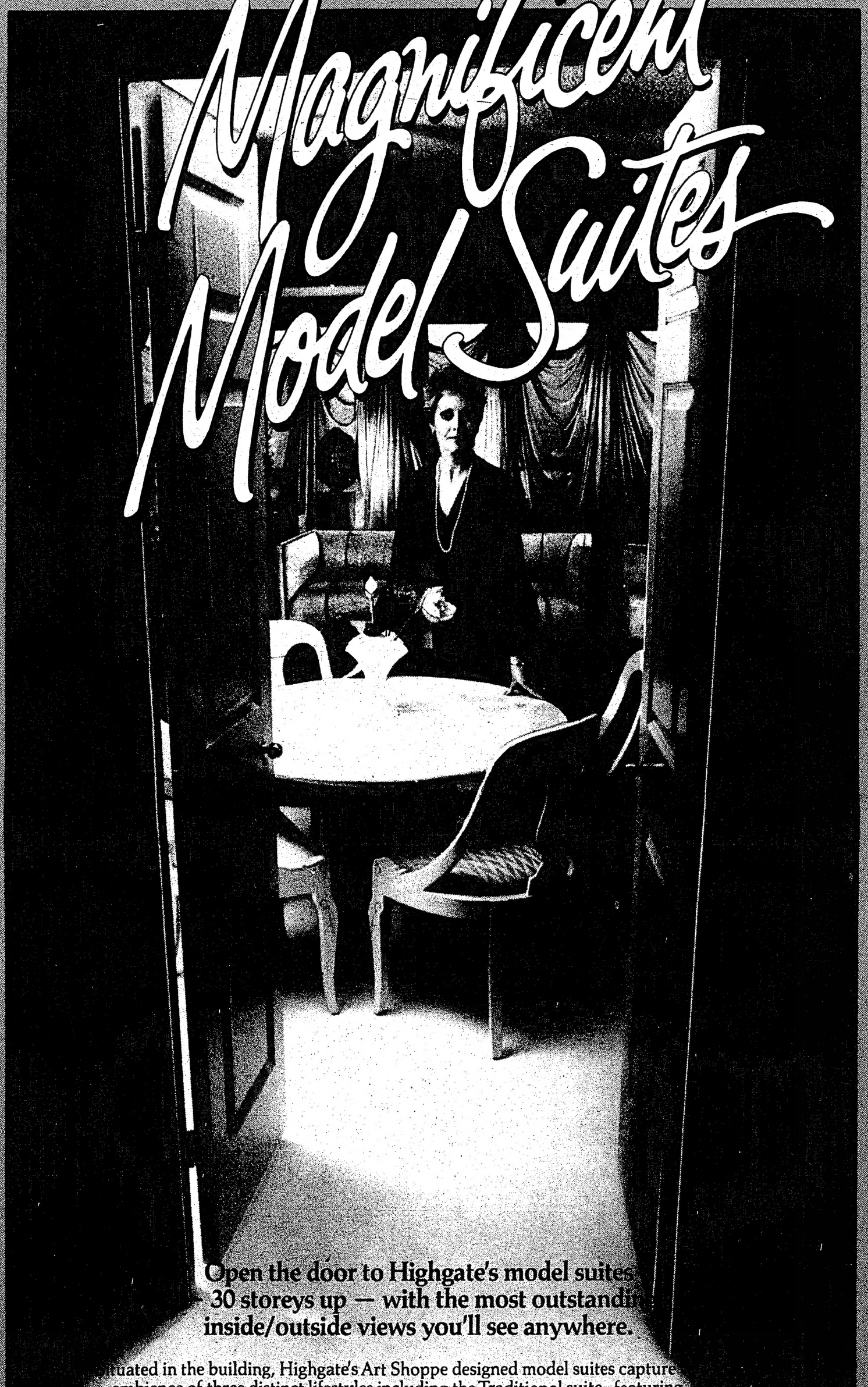

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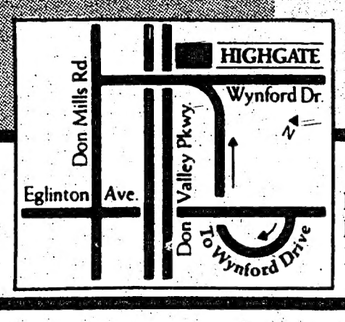

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Congregation Shaarei Zion, Young Israel of Toronto, Associated Hebrew Congregations will host its annual Scholar in Residence program on Shabbat Parshat Vayishlach Nov. 18-19. Guest speaker will be **Rabbi Menachem Gopin**, national executive director of Mizrachi of Canada.

At a special Oneg Shabbat on Friday at 7.30 p.m., Rabbi Gopin will speak and answer questions on The Galut Mentality or Where is Aliya Going? His Shabbat morning sermon will be Es Hooretz . . Lecho Etneno — The Land of Our Fathers.

The spiritual leader of the congregation is **Rabbi Moshe Bomzer.** This weekend is part of the Mizrachi program to educate the community on the ideals and principles of religious Zionism.

GUEST SPEAKER ZENA HARMAN

Zena Harman, former chairman of the executive board of UNICEF and a former member of the Knesset, will be guest speaker on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the membership meeting of Pioneer Women Na'amat in the mezzanine hall of Beth Tzedec Synagogue at 8.30 p.m.

Zena Harman

She is traveling in Canada with her husband **Avraham Harman**, chancellor of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University was instrumental in raising funds for the university's Zena Harman Chair in Social Work, which was dedicated this past spring in Jerusalem.

YOUTH COMMUNITY CHANUKAH PARTY

For the first time, the Youth Community Chanukah Party is being organized by three of the major organizations in Metro Toronto. It takes place Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. and is sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the Zionist youth movements of the Youth and Hechalutz. Toronto's Jewish youth is invited to take part in this festive occasion.

Further information can be obtained by calling **Ted Sokolsky** (B'nai B'rith) at 635-9411 or **Carol Howell** (JCC) at 636-1880, ext. 335 or **Stacey Greenman** (Israel Youth Program Centre) at 665-7733.

YOUNG ADULTS DIVISION UJA

The Young Adults Division, UJA, invites you to hear MPP **David Peterson**, leader of Ontario Liberal party, speak on Hate Literature in Ontario — Is There a Legislative Rule? on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7.30 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services, 4600 Bathurst St., 14th floor Conference Centre. A wine and cheese reception follows. Admission is $5. There will be no solicitation of funds. RSVP by calling 635-2883, ext. 118.

CHAPITRE SOLEIL MEMBERSHIP TEA

B'nai B'rith Chapitre Soleil, the French speaking chapter, is holding a membership acquisition tea on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 2-5 p.m. at the home of **Sarita Frasko**, 667 Briar Hill Ave. Guest speakers will be **Selma Sage**, national director, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada and **Ruth Spero-Feldman**, executive director B'nai B'rith Women International.

For information, call **Louise** at 656-3007 or **Etty** at 498-7773.

HAMILTON PIONEER WOMEN

Astrology and Why It Works is the program topic at Hamilton Pioneer Women's next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. at 588 Tomahawk Cres., Ancaster. Guest speaker is astrologer **Ming Enwright**. For further information, call hostess **Wendy Black** at 648-5080 or president **Trish Eppel** at 627-9182 (both in the Hamilton area).

MORDECHAI TSANIN LECTURE

Mordechai Tsanin, prominent Yiddish author and editor, will deliver his final lecture before returning to Israel on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. His topic will be The Clash of Cultures in the Jewish State; The Birth Pangs of the Nation.

Lecture was arranged by the Yiddish Culture Council.

ABORTION — WHY YES? WHY NOT?

Abortion — Why Yes? Why Not? is the theme of the panel discussion sponsored by Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, Conference Room (4th floor), 4600 Bathurst St. Panelists will include **Rabbi Moshe Bomzer** of Shaarei Zion-Associated Hebrew Congregations; **Shelley Glazer**, Birth Control and V.D. Information Centre, and **Joan Saffarian**, Mount Sinai Hospital. Moderator will be **Jack Jacobson**, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. Admission is free for members and $2 for non-members.

PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

Consul-General of Israel Gideon Saguy [left] presents a plaque of appreciation on behalf of The Biotechnical Institute of Israel to Dr. and Mrs. Philip Klotz for their efforts on behalf of the Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute. Dr. Klotz, a urologist, who is the immediate past president of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, is vice-chairman of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Friends. Jenny Klotz, a family therapist, is a member of the Toronto Branch executive. In the background is Dr. Irving Koven, national chairman of the Canadian Friends.

BOYS TOWN JERUSALEM

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, as part of the brotherhood's breakfast club series, there will be a slide presentation and discussion about Boys Town Jerusalem. Services are at 9 a.m. with the presentation and breakfast following. For information, call Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem at 789-7241.

PILLARS OF JEWISH LITURGY

The music committee of Holy Blossom Temple announces its first musical program of the year to take place Friday, Nov. 25, following the regular evening worship service which begins at 8.30 p.m. The theme, Music of the Romantic Period — The Pillars of Jewish Liturgy, will feature the works of 19th and early 20th century composers — **Sulzer, Lewandowski, Naumburg** and others — who have greatly influenced North American Jewish liturgical music, and will be presented by **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, organist **Douglas Bodle** and the Holy Blossom Temple Choir.

DORIS' VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Variety Show of the Centre for Creative Living, a fast-moving group of senior adults under the direction of **Doris Fleishman** with piano accompanist **Elaine Duff**, is booking now for the year 1984.

The show provides a fantastic afternoon of music, dance, comedy skits and fun. Any groups, organizations, clubs, shopping malls, retirement homes or community centres interested in booking can write to Mrs. Fleishman at 1303 Wilson Ave., apt. 805, Downsview, M3M 1J1, or phone **Doris** at 248-4764 or **Anne** at 222-7422 or **Esther** at 633-2527.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Canadian Jewish Congress are co-sponsoring a town hall meeting on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8.15 p.m. at the synagogue on the subject Toronto — How Good? — Harmony and Discord in our Multicultural Society. Moderator will be **Sam Filer**. Panelists will be **Wilson Head** and **Ben Kayfetz** and respondents will include **Ann Samson** and **Rosanna Scotti.**

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Agudath Israel Sisterhood is presenting Uncle Moishy and his Mitzvah Men in concert on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. at Lawrence Park Collegiate (Avenue Rd. and Lawrence). Advance tickets at $5 for children and $6 for adults can be obtained at Yossi's, Mavens, Perls and Kolbo.

50s JEAN PARTY

A 50s jean party, sponsored by Shaar Shalom Synagogue, is set for Saturday, Nov. 26, at 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, Don Mills and Simonston. There will be a disc jockey, refreshments and prizes. Bring your 50s and 60s memorabilia. Members of the community are invited. Tickets are $18 per couple in advance or $20 per couple at the door. Space is limited so call early and make your reservations. For information and tickets, call the synagogue office at 889-4975 or **Betty** at 494-4816 or **Marion** at 889-3473.

HOSPITAL SALE

Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's annual gift shop holiday sale on Wednesday, Nov. 23, will feature new merchandise as well as a white elephant and bake sale. It takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital mall (main floor). All proceeds will go to medical research.

COUNCIL OF BROTHERHOODS

On Sunday, Nov. 20, the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods is getting together at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue to honor its past presidents. Guest speaker at the meeting will be **Mike Anscombe**, Global TV newscaster, who has recently returned from Israel.

JUDAISM IN THE JEWISH STATE

Judaism in the Jewish State is the topic of the Tuesday, Nov. 22, session of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's fall Institute of Jewish Studies with **Rabbi Moshe Stern**. The time is 8 p.m. Lecture is open to the entire community.

JSF EVENTS

Here is a list of events arranged by the Jewish Student Federation of York University for the coming week — Images is not dead! And your help is needed to get it laid-out on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10.30. The location is at present a mystery, but a quick call to JSF will clear it up.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, **Toni Cabat** of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University will discuss educational opportunities at Wurzweiler School. That's at 12.30 p.m. in the JSF office.

At Glendon campus on Thursday, Nov. 24, from 2-5 p.m. in the Hearth Room, JSF offers a bagel and cream cheese feast and a talk on Jewish Identity with **Jerry Diamond.**

A Shabbat program will be presented on campus Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26. Call for information.

On Friday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. JSF presents the film Sallah in Steadman Lecture Hall D. Film is in Hebrew with English subtitles.

JSF information hot line number is 667-3647.

CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW

Chaverim Chapter B'nai B'rith Women looks forward to seeing you at its craft and gift show on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Thornhill Secondary School, 8075 Bayview Ave. (north of Steeles). Come and enjoy! Admission is free.

HILLEL STUDENT — U OF T

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation — Jewish Students' Union of the University of Toronto's schedule for the coming week begins with Shabbat diner on Friday, Nov. 18. Services begin at 4.33 p.m. with dinner at 6. Tickets are $5 for Hillel members and $6 for non-members.

Saturday, Nov. 19, is trivia night. Team up with your "most trivial friends" and work towards the title of the team with the most trivia knowledge or most trivial team. It all begins at 8 p.m. hosted by **Marden Paul** and prizes for best and worst teams.

On Monday, Nov. 21, **Joel Bainerman**, recently back from Israel, will talk about The Christianization of Israel at noon at Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, movie night begins at 7 p.m. Films are 48 Hours and The Verdict.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, Prof. **Toni Cabat** of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, will be at Hillel House from 5.30-7.30 p.m.

For information about activities contact **Betty** at Hillel House at 923-9861.

AT BETH TORAH CONGREGATION

The Shabbat Torah lecture at Beth Torah Congregation on Saturday morning, Nov. 19, will be given by **Hadassa Rosenberg**, following morning services. The theme will be **Menachem Begin's** The Revolt. Services begin at 9 a.m. The lecture will be at 11. The public is invited. Beth Torah is located at 47 Glenbrook Ave. (south of Lawrence, east of Dufferin).

BAZAAR SUNDAY

Set aside Sunday, Nov. 20, for Pioneer Women's 55th annual bazaar being held at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and you will find super bargains, food, a mammoth all-day auction beginning at 11 a.m., a Monte Carlo, kiddie's carnival, a book barn, hourly giveaways and much more. Admission is $2 including a chance at the door prize — a Chrysler car. Children under 12 are admitted free.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale invites pregnant and nursing mothers to a discussion of The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties on Monday, Nov. 12, at 8.15 p.m. at 23 Candle Liteway (west off Bathurst at Don Lake Gate). Topics to be covered include getting off to the best possible start, baby care, mother care and special circumstances. Babies are welcome. For more information, phone **Elaine** at 663-8003 or **Adrianne** at 665-4120.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Toronto lawyer **Edward Greenspan** will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, Nov. 20, meeting of Beth Sholom Brotherhood's Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club. His topic will be Nazi War Criminals. Meeting begins with services at 9.30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

Alderman Ben Nobleman is chairman. **Morris King** is co-chairman and **Sam Federman** and **Percy Dolgin** are religious chairmen.

ART AUCTION

Sunday, Nov. 20, is the date of the third annual art auction run by Congregation B'nai Torah, at the synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. (south of Steeles, east off Bathurst). The collection of international works is arranged through European American Art. Preview is at 7 p.m. and the auction at 8. A donation of $5 will be appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

CHANUKAH SOCIAL

The Toronto Chapter of APAI (Association

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of Parents of Children in Israel) has planned a Chanukah social for Sunday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Admission is $3.

There are now 89 member families and new members are always welcome. The next APAI convention will be held in Jerusalem in November 1984.

CAMP REENA

Camp Reena offers its kosher facilities to groups of 25 to 60 for mid-week and weekend bookings. The camp is a fully winterized facility with 54 acres in the Caledon Hills that make for a conducive atmosphere for meetings or social weekends.

For further information about bookings, call **Stan Zynoberg** at 665-8035.

HAMILTON JCC

The November meeting of the cultural arts committee of the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre takes place on Wednesday the 23rd at 8.30 p.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue. **Rabbi Israel Silverman** will speak on the Jewish Attitude to Abortion. Everyone is welcome.

PIONEER WOMEN

The opening meeting of the newest Pioneer Women group located in Forest Hill village area takes place Monday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at the home of **Elizabeth Litowitz**, 512 Vesta Dr. (south of Eglinton). Program will be presented by **Dr. Leslie Scott** who will talk about Homeopathic Medicine. New members are welcome. For information, call the PW office at 636-5425.

The next meetings of Pioneer Women's newest Thornhill chapters take place this week. The Monday group will meet on Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at 162 North Meadow Cres. and the Tuesday group on the 22nd at 8 p.m. at 70 Greenbush Cres. Each meeting will be followed by a Bags Are Beautiful party presented by Dimona-Omna Club with fashion hand bags for sale at bazaar prices. For information call Monday hostess **Nora Rothschild** at 886-4354 or Tuesday hostess **Rose Reentovich** at 731-0546.

ORT MINI-BAZAAR

Mark Wednesday, Nov. 23, on your calendar and plan to attend Toronto Women's ORT jumbo sale running at the North York Memorial Hall, 5090 Yonge St. (north of Sheppard) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special features include brand new jewelry, sweaters, novelty gifts and crafts, and gently used clothing for the whole family. Sandwiches, home-baked goods and coffee will be available. Admission is free. Proceeds from the sale support the ORT schools and programs.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Temple Emanu-El is holding its first fall fashion show (men's and women's fashions) and dance. Everyone is invited. There will be wine and cheese, a sweet table and a raffle for some of the fashions. Tickets are $7.50 and can be obtained at the door. The temple is located at 120 Old Colony Rd.

During Shabbat service Friday evening, Nov. 25, the film Dark Circle will be shown. This is a drama of human frailty and human courage in the nuclear age. Services begin at 8.30 p.m.

And on a more personal note — Temple member **Sam Redhill**, 83, recently celebrated the reaffirmation of his Bar Mitzvah by chanting the same Torah portion he read 70 years ago.

VIOLENCE AND PORNOGRAPHY

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada is sponsoring a 2-part series on Violence and Pornography to be held on two consecutive Thursday evenings, Nov. 17 and 24, at 8 at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St.

The Nov. 17 program is a presentation of so-called snuff films available on the Ontario market currently. It is co-sponsored with Project "P", a joint forces project of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Metro police.

The Nov. 24 program is a panel debate dealing with To What Extent Should Pornography Be Controlled with North York **Alderman Elinor Caplan** as moderator. Panelists will be **Dr. Mark Ben-Aron**, Clarke Psychiatric Institute; **Cpl. Ron Kirkpatrick**, joint forces Project "P"; **Nancy Pollock**, president of Canadians for Decency; **Rabbi Moshe Silverman**, Hillel director, University of Toronto, and **James Sintzel**, president, Video Retailers Association of Canada.

Gloria Levitt, community services chairman, is volunteer co-ordinator assisted by **Laura Goldstein, Gloria Clamen, Barbara Cohen, Ruth Rose** and **Bea Wolfe**. The committee will prepare a questionaire and submit the data to the attorney general's office.

HADASSAH-WIZO

The Canadian Hadassah-WIZO convention, scheduled for Nov. 20-23 at the Hilton Harbour Castle Hotel, offers an agenda chock full of exciting, stimulating and informative activities highlighted by such VIP guests as Israel's ambassador to the UN, **Yehuda Blum**, and its ambassador to Canada, **Yeshayahu Anug**, Ontario premier **William Davis**, World WIZO president **Raya Jaglom**, Hebrew University chancellor **Avraham Harman** and many more. The theme of the convention is Redream the Dream.

National president **Mirial Small** is completing her four-year term and president-elect **Cecily Peters**, the national convention chairman, will be installed as president at the closing banquet. Irene Fink is convention vice-chairman and Toronto convention chairman is **Phyllis Flatt**.

GOODMAN TO SPEAK

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, Beth Tikvah Congregation is presenting **Hirsh Goodman**, the Jerusalem Post's military and strategic affairs analyst. One of Israel's leading experts on defence and security issues, he will be discussing The Strategic Balance in the Mid East: An Analysis of the Present and a Peep at the Future. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is free.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee, Central Region, in association with the B'nai B'rith International Lecture Bureau.

at the jcc

At the Bloor JCC — On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. the Bloor JCC at 750 Spadina Ave. (corner Bloor) presents Irving Layton, internationally acclaimed Canadian poet, reading from his recent works. Admission is $2. Advance tickets are on sale at the Bloor JCC front office. . . . The movie classic, Casablanca, with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, will be screened on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. in the main lounge. Admnission is 50 cents for JCC members and $1 for non-members. . . . For information about Bloor JCC programs, contact Mark Egan at 924-6211.

The next lecture of the Topics Unlimited series organized by the Public Affairs and Continuing Education (PACE) department of the Koffler Centre of the Arts of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., will be given by **Dr. A. Rivlin**, who will speak on Stress and Hair Loss on Monday, Nov. 21, from 12.30-2 p.m. No registration is necessary. Admission is $1 and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 233, 243 or 279.

Calling all volleyball players! The JCC and the Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired invite all players to participate in a volleyball game on Sunday, Nov. 20. Registration is from 6-6.30 p.m. with the game in the main gym from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Refreshments at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge. Just bring gym clothes, shoes, lock and a towel. For more information, call **Eva Karpati** at 636-1880, ext. 235 (voice) or **Arthur Gunther** at 226-0679 (TTY).

The Bloor JCC is showing the classic film Casablanca with **Humphrey Bogart** on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. in the main lounge. Admission is 50 cents for JCC members and $1 for non-members. Call **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 if you would like more information.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the **Jewish Singles Coffee House Plus** features live entertainment, refreshments, use of the gym and locker room at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Fitness class is from 8.45-9.30 p.m., free swim from 8.45-9.45 and the coffee house from 10-11.30 p.m. Fee is $2 for JCC and North-East Jewish Single Parents Group and $3 for non-members. Please bring lock and towel.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Place . . . Dr. Howard Fisher, chiropractor, is at the centre (in Earl Bales Park at Bathurst and Sheppard) on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to noon. . . There is a dance arranged for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8-11 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community Centre with music by **Morris Turk** and his orchestra and a raffle. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are $3 . . . A trip to Israel in the spring (approximately May 1) is being planned. Interested persons should call the centre for information . . . The ballroom dancing is in full swing. Come out Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt** . . . For information about activities, tickets, the trip, call 636-7856 Monday to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club presents **Beth Ann Cole**, the star of the Shaw Festival's Desert Song, in a program of music and humor on Monday, Nov. 21. It starts with luncheon at 12.30 p.m. . . . New programs underway include a discussion group with **Nat Garnick** on Mondays from 1-3 p.m., choir on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m., ongoing exercise on Monday and Thursday mornings, dance class on Wednesdays from 12.15-1.15 p.m. and painting and crafts on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. . . . There are still a few openings for the trip to Israel and London March 12-April 1 . . . Call the synagogue office for information about all programs. The number is 789-3213.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni is welcoming **Carol Bloom**, first aid instructor with St. John Ambulance, as guest speaker at the meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 1.30 p.m. She will give a talk and demonstration on It Doesn't Hurt to Help — First Aid in the Home.

Workmen's Circle Social Club [60 +] meets on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and a talk by guest speaker **Leonard Rubenstein**, TV host and lecturer. If you are interested in the Miami trip, be sure to come to the meeting and don't forget about the Chanukah dance on Dec. 6. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

As part of the **North End Recreation Special**, a senior's dance will be held Thursday, Nov. 24, at Brown Community Centre, 454 Avenue Rd. from 7-10 p.m. Admission is free and all seniors are welcome. Due to fire regulations, admission is limited to the first 200 people. Event is sponsored by Contact Us The Third Floor and Brown Community Centre. For further information, call 483-0774.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50 is presenting lecturer **Julius Hayman** in a talk on The Jewish 400; The Story of the Jewish Financial Titans in the U.S. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 1.15 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Adath Sholom Jubilee Club (ages 55 plus, singles and couples) invites the community to attend a general meeting of the club on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Following a brief meeting, a musical program will be presented by **Edith Truelove**, accompanied at the piano by **Ada Lewis**, featuring songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Admission is $1 for club members and $1.50 for non-members.

Club Chaverim meets on Mondays at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The Nov. 21 program, beginning at 1.30 p.m. is a musical presentation with vocalist **Fern Dworkin** and pianist **Paul Mathew** in a variety of songs and music in Hebrew, English and Yiddish . . . Morning classes include oil painting with **Beryl Frow** from 10 a.m. to 12,30 p.m.; Variety Club with **Paul Mathew** from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and physical fitness with **Donna Grober** from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. . . . If you plan on attending Monday, Nov. 21 classes, a light lunch of bagels and cheese and fruit, catered by **Stuart Razin**, will be available for $1.

The Good Age Club of the Bloor JCC meets every Thursday afternoon from 2-4 in the main lounge of the Bloor JCC for a variety of programs including movies, lectures, music appreciation and informal discussions with refreshments.

Seniors are welcome to attend the Wednesday afternoon bridge club at the Bloor JCC from 12.30-3.30 p.m. under the direction of **Rose Laucke**. There will be no instruction. For information, call **Mark Egan** at the Bloor JCC at 924-6211.

At the **Wagman Centre** — A series of four seminars on Interior Decorating will run on four consecutive Monday evenings, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5 and 12, from 8.15-9.15 p.m. in the library. The fee is $6 for members for the series and $8 for guests. Register with **Janice Warden** at the Wagman Centre office . . . The Total Grooming After 50 series continues on Tuesday, Nov. 22, with Facials and on Nov. 29 with Wardrobe Concepts. The time is 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Fanny and Lipa Green library . . . Creative Arts is offering three exciting workshops. On Thursday, Nov. 24 — Design Your Own Chanukah Gifts and Cards with **Kathleen Gold**, Monday, Dec. 5 — Yarn Baskets with **Edith Gore**, and on Thursday, Dec. 15 — Name Plaques in Clay with **Delores Feldman**. All sessions are from 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Creative Arts room. The fee for each workshop is $1 for members and $2 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Contact **Dorion Liebgott** or Delores Feldman at 789-5131, ext. 431 . . . Bridge instruction begins Thursday, Nov. 24, from 7-10 p.m. with instructor **Barbara Seagram**. Charge is $25 for members for 10 weeks and $35 for non-members. Register at the desk or call **Roanne Mazar** at 789-5131, ext. 414 . . . Jewish Ethics and Philosophy series continues on Monday, Nov. 21, with Ethics for Moderns with **Rabbi Henry Hoschander** of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. That's from 2.30-3.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is holding a holiday craft sale on Friday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. with new exciting original hand-knits and macrame articles.

The Women in the Bible series with **Selma Gage** begins Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 1-3 p.m. It is open to the public. Fee is $1 for members and $2 for non-members.

The Atkinson College series presented by the Lifelong Learning Institute continues on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with history professor **Michael Kater** discussing Popular Roots of Anti-semitism in

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CHAI ANNIVERSARY

The Adath Israel Seniors Club recently celebrated its chai [18th] anniversary with a luncheon at the synagogue. In honor of the event, the members purchased an emergency stretcher for Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, the latest of a series of medical equipment items they have donated to the institution. With the Golden Book certificate presented by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hosptial Foundation are, seated, left to right, Hilda Lavinoff, club president Tillie Litwin, and Ida Bruner; standing, left to right, Mary Bloom, Doris Abbott, Ann Lasky and Sally Lepinsky. All are members of the executive. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Nazi Germany Prior to the War. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

There is a fashion show on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The Sunday night dance on Nov. 20 begins at 7.30 p.m. with music by the Creative Band. Admission is $2 for members and $2.50 for guests.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Nov. 23 features **Dr. Hugh Cameron** of Wellesley Hospital, who will discuss recent research on arthritis and orthopedics.

The centre is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. and the phone number is 225-2112.

singles

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles (30-55) meet on Sunday, Nov. 20, with **John Henderson**, an expert on stress and fitness, who will discuss and demonstrate how various fitness programs help diminish stress and maximize potential. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and turn up at 8 p.m. in the lower assembly hall of the synagogue.

The JCC Singles [35 +] Coffee House on Monday, Nov. 21, presents **Loretta Merritt**, a lawyer with the Tikvah Legal Aid. Her topic — A Lawyer Talks About Consumerism. Questions and answers will follow. It all takes place at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., in the Good Age Lounge. There is a charge of $1 for coffee and cake. For information, call the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 221 or **Doris** at 636-1687.

The Bloor Jewish Single Parents Association is having a special Oneg Shabbat dinner on Friday, Nov. 25, for parents, children and singles. For details as to time and place, contact **Mark Egan** at the Bloor JCC at 924-6211 or **Maurice Richmond** at 656-6404. Pre-register before Nov. 21.

Club Amal (23-40) invites all singles and single parents from southern Ontario to attend the next house party this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. at 5 Kings Cross Cres. in King City, 11 miles north of Toronto. Admission is $3 and here are the directions — Drive north on Keele St. past Major Mackenzie until Keele becomes a dirt road. Continue north three more blocks to Kings Cross Dr. Turn left to third house on south side (ranch bungalow). For information, call **Sheldon** at 653-1381. Club is sponsored by Canadian Friends of Amal.

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group — Family program on Sunday, Nov. 20, at Seneca Village Community Centre from 2-4 p.m. is a Chanukah celebration, complete with games, crafts, latke making, Carla the Clown and a special snack. Charge is $1 for member families and $2 for non-members . . . The Book Club meets on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. at JCC Valley to discuss **P. D. James'** The Skull Beneath the Skin . . . The Women's Group's first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. will be an organizational meeting. Your input is needed. Call for details . . . The Men's Group, meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 9 p.m. will also have an organizational meeting. Call for details . . . The family Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 2, offers good company, delicious food, and fantastic entertainment with Mr. David. Cost is $10 per adult and $3 per child. RSVP (a must) by Nov. 25 . . . For information and reservations for all activities, contact **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, **Solelim** (25-45) is going to see two entertaining programs — at 2 p.m. the National Ballet of Canada version of Don Quixote and at 8.30 p.m. the Israeli Chassidic Festival at Adath Israel. Deadline for tickets for both events is Nov. 21 . . .

The Rape Crisis Centre will be presenting the program of the next meeting of Pioneer Women's newest singles chapter (ages 20s through 30s) on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. at 601 Vesta Dr. (north of Eglinton). For information, call hostess **Celia Goodman** at 781-2847 or PW office at 636-5425.

Total Living Singles [40 +] general meeting on Sunday, Nov. 20, features dynamic guest speaker **Iris Page** who will talk about Sexuality in the Middle Years — Its Problems, Pros and Cons, Relating to Mature Singles. The time is 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Kadima Room, charge is $1 for members and $2 for guests . . . If you are not yet a paid-up member for the current year, you can still pay before the draw for a free membership at the Dec. 18 meeting. This is only for paid-up members.

The JCC Singles 25-35 invite you to a travel evening featuring the latest information on singles travel on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. at the JCC northern branch, Room 207. An experienced travel agent will be on hand to answer your questions. For more information, call **Ruth Goodman** at 636-1880.

Holy Blossom Temple 40 + Singles group meets at the temple on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. for bridge — beginners, intermediate and advanced — complete with lessons with an expert instructor.

Jewish Singles Project Connect needs telephone volunteers interested in providing information, referrals and details of activities to Jewish singles on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 497-4494 for more information.

Stan Glass announces that the first social evening of a newly-formed singles travel and social association takes place on Monday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. Room 4 (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). The evening will have a cruise theme with film, refreshments and door prizes. Admission is $2. All are welcome. Anyone wishing to join the association or just attend the social evening should contact Stan at 638-0747 or leave a message at 593-0600. The first 100 persons who do so will receive a valuable gift during this first fun-filled evening.

Holy Blossom Temple Singles/Single Parents group has arranged dinner and an evening of mirth at Lord Stanley's Feast, 26 Lombard St. Cost is $16.95 per person, all inclusive . . . Tour of McMichael Gallery in Kleinberg is planned for Sunday, Nov. 27. Cost of $5 includes admission and transportation. Meet at The Donut Corner at Lawrence Plaza at 12 noon for car pooling. RSVP (a must) by Nov. 20. Call **Revie** at 789-1344 after 6 p.m.

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SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY

Serve the Lord with Joy is the theme chosen for the installation of **Rabbi Dow Marmur** as senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple. The inaugural weekend, Nov. 18-20, gets off to a start with Friday evening Shabbat services when **Rabbi Richard Hirsch**, who is coming in from Israel, will deliver the sermon. Celebrations continue on Saturday with a gala dinner in the evening and culminate on Sunday afternoon at 3 with the installation service. Also participating in the festivities will be Holy Blossom Senior Scholar **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut** and Rabbi Emeritus **Rabbi Abraham Feinberg**.

ARTISTIC RECITAL

International interpreter of songs **Hermina Petrescu** is appearing in concert this Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2.30 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Centre of the Arts. A singer of jazz, popular and folk ballads, she performs in 15 languages and has recently returned from artistic tours in Europe, the U.S., South Africa, South America, Mexico and Japan. Following her Toronto recital she goes to New York for a recital at Carnegie Recital Hall on Nov. 27.

Tickets for the Toronto concert are available at the St. Lawrence Centre box office.

KERNERMAN CELEBRATIONS

This month the Kernerman family celebrates two mile-stone anniversaries. On Sunday, Nov. 20, **Louis E. and Mary Kernerman** mark 50 years of marriage at the Inn on the Park with family and relatives from Canada, the U.S. and Israel. Their three children are **Robert, Eddie** and **Hyla** (Mrs. Paul Okerofsky) and grandchildren are **Julie, Lionel, Joshua** and **Brett**.

Also in November (the anniversary is really Dec. 2 by which time they will be back in Israel) **Sam and Sarah Kernerman** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Their children are **Morry, Barry, Dovie** and **Shlaimie** and, in Israel, **Laybee** and **Resh Reesha**. They have 17 grandchildren.

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Jaime Gutfreund shows Kaelen Campbell how to balance on a gym mat. [Kato Batista photo]

"Strengthen your Jello muscles"

Kids bend, stretch to beat

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

There are a dozen kids sweating it out at the aerobics class, aged from three to eight and most of them Jewish, and they tend to wear cute gym shirts.

"I'm Single!" reads the provocative inscription on the pink shirt of a plump, pigtailed girl of seven.

Popeye the Sailor is depicted bulging his biceps on the blue gym shirt of a 3-year-old shrimp of a boy who looks as skinny and wimpy as a noodle.

Cutesy these kids may be. But don't kid yourself — my, are they ever smart.

Here I'd been attending adult classes for the past year at The Workout, an aerobics exercises-set-to-music studio at 2326A Yonge St., a block and a half north of Eglinton (telephone 482-0774). But despite the repeated explanations of co-owners Sara Traub and Kaitlin Aldor, two former Israeli school teachers married to Torontonians, I still wasn't precisely sure what aerobics was all about.

However, one of the youngsters attending the hour-long children's classes, introduced last month, put me straight right away.

"It's simple," he said. "They help you get rid of your peanut butter tummy. Help you strengthen your muscles that look like Jello. Help you breathe like you're blowing into a big toy balloon. Help you have lots of fun doing it. That's what aerobics is about."

"I don't suppress their freedom of movement. I encourage it, praise them for it. I stimulate them to do other things at the same time. They develop body awareness, improve co-ordination, increase self-confidence, take pleasure in dance and music with their peers. The trick is to make it all seem as though you're playing a game."

She achieves that beautifully, I discovered, when I joined the kids in a class.

The taped music ranged from Dave Brubeck's jazz to Verdi's opera, from Michael Jackson's pop singing to Walt Disney's rhythmical Mousercizing.

And our workout consisted of one hour of cleverly orchestrated exercises masquerading as game-playing: a warmup; cardio-vascular stretching, leaping and leg-balancing designed to pump oxygen-rich blood to the flabby tissues of our entire body; floor mat exercises geared to change our fat weight to lean weight; and a relaxing cool-down.

What I found most fun was the way we were constantly challenged to use our wits and improvise. Each of the children took turns in leading the rest of the group through imaginative movements: whamming a pretend puck in a make-believe hockey game; flapping our arms like eagles; galloping like horses; skimming like planes; flopping down like a rag doll; and thrusting our legs up like puppy dogs.

More benefits derived

Right on.

To be sure, however, class instructor Leigh Edwards suggests there are a few more benefits the moppets derive from her fun-filled sessions. A graduate of the dance program at University of Waterloo, where she also studied child psychology, she's a good-humored blonde fitness teacher of 22 who obviously enjoys the creative aspects of her job.

"Parents are always scolding their children to 'sit still,' 'stay still,' 'slow down,' " she said.

Christmas vacation special

Leigh Edwards ended the session by suggesting we all curtsy and bow to each other. And we wound up by bowing gracefully to her.

I certainly recommend you take advantage of the special Christmas vacation classes for children being offered from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2. The fee is $28 for the two weeks or $5 per class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. As an extra bonus, parents who usually pay $7.50 per class, will be charged the same rate as their chidren then in adult classes.

Revival of Islam "a danger to Israel"

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The revival of Islam and the respectability attained by Islamic revolutionary movements pose "a clear danger for Israel in the long run," Professor Rapheal Israeli told the recent annual general meeting of the United Israel Appeal of Ontario at the Four Seasons Hotel.

This "Islamization of the Arab-Israeli conflict," as he put it, provides 700 million Moslems as an outer circle of support for the Arab world.

The suicide squads responsible for the bombings against Israel, U.S., and France in Lebanon are the result of the revival of Islam, said Israeli.

"The squads are made up of Sh'ite people indoctrinated by the Islam revolution. They are eager to die as martyrs to Islam as martyrs are promised immediate rewards in heaven. There is a Sh'ite community in Lebanon indoctrinated by missionaries. We are to see much more of these things."

Israeli, from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, is Visiting Professor at York University on Middle Eastern Affairs.

He said the downfall of Yasser Arafat, and his replacement by radical elements of the PLO, can be of benefit to Israel in the long run, as it will reveal to the world how phoney is the moderate image of the PLO fostered by its friends in the west.

"Posing as a moderate, Arafat could get an audience everywhere," Israeli said. The U.S. was prodding us to get on terms with him. Now he has lost his prestige as a result of the war in Lebanon, and those taking over are much more radical."

Since 1969, the Arab Moslem conference, consisting of 42 countries, has combatted Israel politically and diplomatically all around the globe, he said, and this problem will increase in future. "At the U.N., some countries are voting against Israel on Islamic grounds which they do not themselves understand."

He said Iran is the best example of the fact that it is possible today to be "a radical and a 'kosher Moslem' at the same time." This phenomenon is not well understood, he went on, and the emergence of "fanatic Moslems" bodes trouble for Israel.

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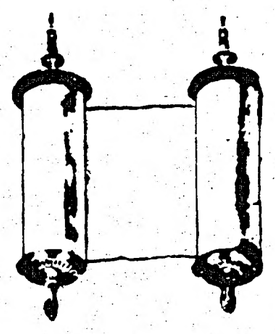

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayishlach

It is never easy being a Jew. Even Father Jacob faced annihilation from his brother Esau.

After 36 years Jacob finally had to confront Esau. Esau brought an army with him. Would this mean destruction? To scout out Esau, and to soften him, Jacob sent out "malachim" — angels — laden with gifts.

The parsha begins: "Vai'yishlach Yaakov. . . . And Jacob sent out angels. . . ." The Medrash Tanchuma declares — the word Vai'yishlach is like "Vai! Oy, vey!"

Look who has to send to whom! Yaakov a decent, righteous person has to send gifts and bribes to the wicked, hoping that maybe there will be peace. Often, those who are innocent, who only do kindnesses, have to bow before the wicked.

But in the end, righteousness will triumph.

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When Hitler came to power in 1933, one of the "Rosh Yeshiva" in Radin came to the Chafetz Chaim and asked him what would happen to the Jewish people. Hitler had sworn to annihilate them.

Answered the Chafetz Chaim: "He will never be able! No one can ever completely destroy our people, as it says when Jacob was morally threatened by Esau: If Esau come to the one camp and smite it, then the camp which is left shall escape. . . .

The Rosh Yeshiva, shaken, asked: And if the Jews of Europe are destroyed, where will there be refuge? Answered the saint: The prophet Ovadiah already announced: "And on Mount Zion there will be refuge, and it shall be holy. . . ." In Eretz Yisrael there will be refuge. . . .

And so it happened. When the Nazi forces neared the Holy Land, their downfall began. . . .

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It's strange — if Jacob wanted to send a present, why choose holy angels, why not shepherds and herdsmen? Nothing less is fitting for evil Esau?

But it shows — where were these messengers headed? They were going to "Esau his brother . . . to the land of Seir . . . to the fields of Edom. . . ." They were going to meet a wicked person, in an evil land, full of impurity. Jacob was afraid that if he sent human messengers, they would be influenced by their bad surrounding and attach themselves to Esau's camp. So he trusted only angels.

Every Jew has his own angels. He has a holy neshama that is surrounded by kedusha, holiness. Everywhere we go, every action we do, the words we say, the thoughts that surge through our minds — we are not alone. All our guardian angels, all our holiness, our shining neshamas go with us also.

Ever Jew is a camp of holiness — and we have to be careful where we lead it.

A sense of belonging to Israel in all they do

Negev dinner to honor Rothschilds

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — When Kurt and Edith Rothschild are honored at the 1983 Negev dinner of the Jewish National Fund Dec. 4, it will mark only the fourth time in 35 years that a husband and wife team have been chosen for this prestigious award.

The list of institutions — hospitals, universities, social welfare agencies, community organizations, yeshivot — that has benefited from their talents and energy is formidable.

In everything they do, they express their deep sense of belonging to Israel.

Sitting in the den of her North York apartment, surrounded by pictures of her family — including five grandchildren in Israel — Edith speaks from the heart.

"Israel is our home," she says softly. "I love my life here . . . but I sometimes feel that I'm visiting here, and really living there."

The Rothschilds do, in fact, live in two worlds. They go to Israel several times each year, and have just returned from a trip which stretched from six to eight weeks because of the birth of a new grandson.

They were there during the introduction of the austerity program, and the effects of the economic difficulties Israel is faced with are much on Kurt Rothschild's mind.

"The Diaspora must support Israel financially, politically and psychologically," he says. "The austerity program will inevitably put severe pressure on Israel. It will increase unemployment, lower the living standard, and add to the psychological pressure on a small country surrounded by Arab countries who want to destroy it."

Kurt & Edith Rothschild

Support from world Jewry for universities, hospitals, and religious and social institutions can help to close the gap between the sacrifices of austerity and the need for a decent quality of life, Rothschild says.

"Galil Canada," the major JNF project in northern Israel, is a good example of how the Diaspora can aid Israel, says Rothschild.

Jewish settlement is vital in the Galil, which has a population of 300,000 Israeli Arabs and only 100,000 Jews.

"These are key points of settlement and economic development, because many of the kibbutzim and moshavim established with the help of the JNF house factories and give employment to the population. They have helped to create new industry that is vital to the area and to the country," he explains.

"It is not always possible to create this situation through private investment. Some of these investments are not really secure enough for the private sector. Therefore the public sector is so very important by way of providing risk capital."

Educational institutions and hospitals have been hit by the austerity program, and every contribution Diaspora Jews make helps them to improve life for Israel's population, he says.

The psychological benefits of this kind of support are great. "Israel has always been afraid of emigration," Rothschild points out. "It's easy to go to London, to South Africa, to Melbourne."

Political support is vital. "One of the greatest dangers facing Israel and world Jewry is the abrasiveness and divisiveness we display towards each other publicly," Rothschild says.

The Rothschilds are both deeply committed observant Jews who met in North America after each had fled Nazi persecution in their native Germany. To them, Israel is "the place of origin of the Jewish people, and a homeland, and a place of refuge for persecuted Jews from all over the world . . . a place of self-fulfillment for Jews."

It is also the wellspring of Torah learning — "the key to Jewish existence, spiritual and physical, the world over."

The causes they work for cover the entire spectrum of the Jewish community.

Thery are practising what they believe — in Kurt Rothschild's words, "all sections of the community should work together for the welfare of the community and Israel. People should try to minimize their differences and accentuate those things which bind us together through history and fate."

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Organizations and People

Members of the Toronto Association for Jews of Hungarian Descent prepare to tackle the phones at a recent UJA telethon. [Graphic Artists photo]

Hungarian telethon a lively affair

UJA contributions increase

TORONTO —

Ever wonder what a Hungarian telethon would be like? Lively, that's for certain. Just ask any United Jewish Appeal staff member who's been involved in these annual happenings for the past 15 years.

The majority of Toronto's Jewish Hungarian population arrived here in 1956 following the Soviet takeover of Hungary. Almost all were camp survivors who escaped their native Hungary to begin life anew in Canada.

Once settled and acclimatized, one group got together to form the Toronto Association for Jews of Hungarian Descent, with Armin Weiss as founding president. Weiss still heads the association and is its elder statesman.

The association's primary UJA activity centres around several Sunday morning telethons during the campaign period. According to the UJA staff person in charge, the telethons and their follow-ups have brought in increased contributions year after year.

This year was no different as percentages increases are way up.

Weiss has always managed to get a hefty contingent of the members out for telethons. Joining him a few weeks ago on the phones at the Lipa Green Building were: Miklos Winkler, Eugene Jacob, Josef Klein, Charles Sos, Mike Garay, Leslie Sebastian, Jeno Weis, Dr. Imre Farkas, Paul Sliasny and Tibor Stern. Representing the distaff side was Clara Gyunicza.

Professor plans to visit social service agencies

TORONTO —

Toni Cabat, a professor at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work (WSSW), will be in Toronto Nov. 20-23 to meet with prospective and current WSSW students and personnel at social service agencies in the Toronto area.

Cabat will be available to meet with prospective students Wednesday, Nov. 23, at noon at York University-Ross Building Jewish Federation Building, and will discuss Careers in Social Work and Jewish Communal Service. To confirm attendance, call Rona Kazansky or David Gordon at 667-3647. On Wednesday from 5.30-7 p.m., Cabat will be available at B'nai B'rith, Hillel Foundation. For more information call Betty Zipo or Karen Anthony at 923-9861.

She also will visit social agencies where current WSSW students are working, to meet with them and their supervisors. Agencies on her schedule on Monday, Nov. 21 are the Jewish Community Center, Northern Branch, and Jewish Family and Children's Service of Metropolitan Toronto.

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 22, Cabat will meet with Aviva Zweben at the Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care, and in the afternoon, will be at the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Metropolitan Toronto, to visit with student A. Jay Glasser and his supervisor, Louise Shogilev.

In addition to visiting agencies and being available at other locations to discuss social work careers, Cabat will be the guest at a social gathering for Wurzweiler students and alumni at the home of Heidi Greenfield, a 1983 graduate.

Anyone wishing to attend this gathering Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. at 101 Albertus Ave., can call Greenfield at 487-9456.

Chairman says UJA goal within striking distance

TORONTO —

According to United Jewish Appeal co-chairman (with Issy Sharp) Lionel Schipper, the current UJA effort is now within striking distance of meeting its 1984 goal.

Hosting a reception at his home last week for over 60 of UJA's cross-campaign leadership and key canvassers, Schipper told the gathering UJA had exceeded the 60 percent mark enroute to its final target.

Schipper noted a major upswing was in progress at this point in the campaign, with intensified canvassing efforts throughout the Toronto Jewish community producing a surge of recent UJA commitments.

The gathering, co-hosted by Carole Schipper, was the first in a skein of such events designed to brief key campaigners and keep them updated on progress in the weeks ahead, prior to UJA's official closing date on December 14.

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"The Beginning of the Geula"
Sun., Dec. 25, 8:30 p.m. (Va'era) RABBI S. MODDEL
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Sun., Jan. 1, 1984, 8:30 p.m. (Bo) RABBI S.N. MANDEL
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Sun., Jan. 8, 1984, 8:30 p.m. (Beshalach) MRS. M. SIMON
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Organizations and People

Biggest computer game ever held in Canada

Vic-a-Thon to raise funds for disabled children

TORONTO —

If zapping colorful alien invaders on a video screen to save an imaginary world from mock inter-galactic attack is one of your favorite pastimes, you'll soon have an opportunity to pursue your video passion on behalf of a very real and worthwhile cause.

On Nov. 20 at The Sheraton Centre, the Variety Club of Ontario Tent 28 and Commodore Computers will be co-sponsoring the first annual Variety Vic-a-Thon playoffs — the biggest computer game competition ever held in Canada — to raise money for Variety Village, an indoor sports, fitness and recreation complex for handicapped Ontario children.

More than 100 Vic-20 computers will be used during the playoffs as dozens of expected contestants play to collect money for disabled kids while giving themselves a chance at the grand prize of a Vic-20 computer if they are crowned as age group champions at the finals slated for Mississauga's International Centre on Dec. 11.

Sixteen high scorers from each age group will compete in the grand finals at the Centre's World of Commodore exhibit. All finalists will be awarded a silk bomber jacket, T-shirt, sports bag, specially-commissioned binder and movie passes. The four age group categories are up to 11-years-old, 12-15, 16-17, and 18 years and over.

Participants will raise money by filling pledge sheets with sponsors in a similar fashion to a walk-a-thon or bike-a-thon. The amount of money raised will be based on the participant's score while playing GORF, the competition's official video game. Sponsors also have the option to specify an upper limit to their pledges. So, for example, a sponsor might pledge 10 cents per 100 points scored to a maximum of $25.

Pledge sheets are available at Commodore dealerships, Canadian Tire, Baskin-Robbins, and CHUM, CKFM, CHIN and CHFI radio stations. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sheraton. The finals are slated for a noon start at the International Centre.

School offers awards

TORONTO —

The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto has announced it will accept applications for scholarships in higher Jewish studies.

These scholarships are granted annually to qualifying candidates from a special fund established by friends of Associated who are interested in higher Jewish education. Chairman of the scholarship committee is Prof. Arthur Kruger.

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Awards will also be made to graduates of Associated who propose other acceptable programs of study in Israel.

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Applications should be received by January 1, 1984, for awards to be effective the following academic year.

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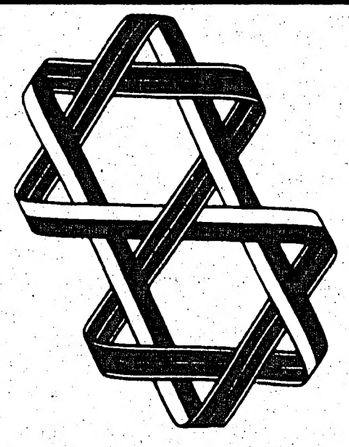

UJA Campaign Countdown

WEEK 12

We're into week #12 of the campaign countdown and from the looks of it, going great guns. What with telethons, meetings, blitzes, there's no lack of activity. That's the way it has to be if we are to achieve our desired goals.

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If we had the authority to bestow a Ph.D. for "excellence in canvassing," a prime candidate would undoubtedly be **Nat Hurwich**. The man is such a pro and so indefatigable. Nat has a long-running history with UJA, not only as a prized canvasser, but as a division chairman as well. He rarely fails to show up at meetings where he will pick up more cards and cover them in record time — with increases, of course.

In this campaign, Nat has successfully completed 200 cards, and is still going strong. Nat, we officially declare you a UJA Treasure.

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The UJA audio-visual presentation, **Promise to Keep,** has been getting better feedback and more exposure than **"E.T."**

One of the recent showings was at a breakfast meeting of the Community Services Division headed by **Gordon Kaufman.** More than 40 executive directors and senior staff of our sister agencies turned up, made their own commitments and took cards back to their offices for distribution to employees. **Steve Ain,** Campaign Director, addressed the meeting. No one knows better than this group how crucial it is that we sustain and upgrade our local services in this time of economic hardship and high unemployment.

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Hats off to **Stephen Morris,** a first-time canvasser in the Student campaign, who brought in 31 completed cards. Just trailing Stephen with 27 cards in, is **Jerrold Landau.** Nice going, guys.

Always on the alert for new ideas and innovative ways to bolster their campaing effort, student leaders **Marty Strub, Darrell Sherman** and **Alan Feld,** took themselves off to New York recently to attend a UJA student conference. There's always something new to learn.

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The Synagogue Division campaign is in full stride with a number of cleanup telethons slated for the end of November. With overall chairman **David West** at the helm, we have some excellent results to report from **Henry Fleming** at Holy Blossom Temple, **Larry Shapiro** at Beth Tzedec and **Charles Kasner** who's chairing the Shaarei Shomayim campaign.

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Julie Koschitzky, Women's Division first vice-chairman, hosted a parlor meeting at her home this past week for 30 members of the UJA Business & Professional Women's Network which is headed by **Elizabeth Wolfe.**

Chairing the evening was **Candice Singer,** with **Elaine Todres** heading up the fund-raising end for the Network. Guest speaker was **Yaacov Pachter,** Chief Executive Officer of Bank Hapoalim (Canada), who discussed the impact of the devaluation of the shekel on Israel's economy. Also on the agenda was Steve Ain (that man does get around), who talked about — what else — UJA!

The BPWN campaign is running 60% ahead of last year. Now that's what we call an increase!

An opening meeting of the Optometrists Division that took place some weeks ago, set the pace for some lively canvasser followup. Chairman **Dennis Ruskin** and his aide **Paul Chris,** have had invaluable assistance from former chairmen **Scarlat Albright, Dennis Bader** and **Milton Teitel.** More than 50% of their cards have been completed to date.

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It's also been full speed ahead for the Pharmacists since their initial campaign meeting.

Co-chairmen **Frank Levine, Jerry Zeidenberg, Carolyn Zimmerman** and **Phil Droznika** have kept tabs on canvassers and card coverage, with good results. Other active campaigners in the division include: **Verne Chelin, Milton Davis, Shirley Gold, Oscar Goodman, Louis Greenberg, Robert Greenspoon, Irwin Kates, Irving Kraft, Harvey Nash, Mitch Nichols, Larry Rosen, Percy Saiger, Isadore Snyder** and **Martin Sone.**

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Dr. Eric Ginsberg, a veterinarian, is chairman of one of our smaller (but not lesser) divisions, that includes along with vets, prodiatrists and chiropractors. With assistance from **Drs. Toffy Kobrossi** and **Ira Klenberg,** chiropractors, he's doing a thorough job of canvassing Jewish colleagues in the three disciplines involved, for the second consecutive year.

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Morning: Men's Club Breakfast
9:00 a.m.: Services
9:30 a.m.: Breakfast

Guest Speaker:
CHRISTOPHER AMERASINGHE
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Cost: $4.00 per person
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Evening: 8:30 p.m.
Fund-raising Reception on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary
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Rabbi Robert Marcus
celebrating 15 years in the rabbiniate
Guest Speaker:
RABBI MORTON LEIFMAN
Assistant to the Chancellor and Instructor in Liturgy at the Jewish Theological Seminary

COMING EVENTS

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REMINDER: *SAT. NOV. 19* FAMILY/CHAVURAH SERVICE PLUS LUNCHEON. LED BY: Rabbi Lawrence Troster with the Junior Congregation. Service: *10 a.m.* Chapel, Luncheon *12 noon* Mezzanine Hall.

SUN. NOV. 20, 9:30 a.m. (After Services) **MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST** Speaker: **Mr. Joel Bainaman.** Topic: **"Missionizing Christians in Israel."**

SUN., NOV. 20, 8:00 p.m. **MEN'S CLUB AND COUNCIL OF JEWISH BROTHERHOODS** – A Cultural Evening honouring Past Presidents. Speaker: **Mike Anscombe,** News Commentator, Global IV, recently returned from Israel. Subject: **"Israel – Point of View."** Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome. In the Mezzanine Hall.

TUES., NOV. 22, 1:15 p.m. **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50 – LECTURE.** Speaker: **Julius Hayman.** Topic: **"The Jewish '400'. The Story of the Jewish Financial Titans in the U.S."** Everyone Welcome. Coffee and Refreshments. Non-Members $1.50.

FRI., NOV. 25, 8:30 p.m. **A SHABBAT EXPERIENCE IN SONG, STORY & TORAH** with Rabbis Friedberg, Troster and Cantor Kowarsky. Sponsored by the Chavurah Program. **In the Youth Chapel.** Refreshments following.

MON., NOV. 28, 8:00 p.m. **REPORT ON TOUR TO ISRAEL.** Speakers: **Laurie Rosenfield** of Beth Tzedec and Joan Randall of Timothy Eaton Church. Sponsored by the Toronto Friends of Jerusalem Committee. At Beth Tzedec, **Check the Notice Board for location.**

TUES., NOV. 29, 1:15 p.m. **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50 – "POPULAR AND JEWISH MELODIES".** Guests: **Joseph Roth & Family.** Everyone Welcome. Coffee and Refreshments. Non-Members: $1.50;

TUES., NOV. 22, 8:30 p.m. **THE LOUIS AND SYBIL STULBERG ANNUAL LECTURE,** with Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue, Encino, California. Topic: **Success, Career and the Jewish Family.**

Rabbi Schulweis is not only Rabbi of a vigorous Congregation, but is a contributor to a number of books and magazines. He is Adjunct Prof. of Jewish Contemporary Civilization at the University of Judaism, Los Angeles, and a lecturer at the Hebrew Union College in that city.

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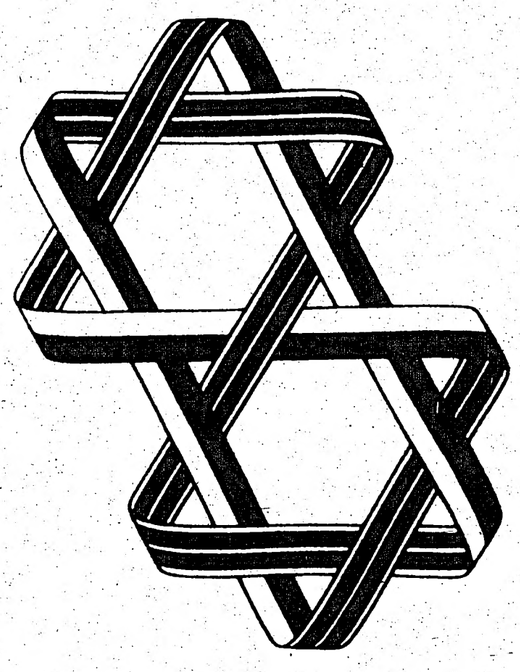

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Organizations and People

Scientist has royal blood lines

Samuel expected at Weizmann Institute dinner

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
An Israeli scientist who also happens to be a member of the British House of Lords will be in Hamilton for the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute's first gala dinner here Sunday, Nov. 20 at Adas Israel Synagogue.

The scientist's full title, if you really want to be formal, is Viscount Samuel of Mount Carmel and of Toxteth in the City of Liverpool, but he much prefers to be known simply as Prof. David Samuel.

The dinner in honor of Anne Kaplan Mandell will launch a Foundation in Neurobiological Research in her name and when she recently expressed the hope that the new foundation would concentrate some of its research on Parkinson's Disease, Mandell was not sure how much, or if any, research in this field was being done at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot.

As it happens, Parkinson's is a disease in which Samuel, too, has a special interest and there will be much he will be able to tell Mandell and the dinner guests about the progress being made at the famous Israeli scientific research centre.

Samuel is chairman of the Weizmann Institute's Centre for Neurosciences and Behavioural Research and his own particular interests, he explained in a telephone conversation from his office at Yale University, where he is currently on sabbatical, have been primarily in the chemistry of the brain, nervous system, depression and the action of anti-depressant drugs, and problems related to aging and the possible treatment of senescence.

His reason for choosing Yale is that it has a medical school — "because, as you know, we don't have one at the Weizmann Institute" — the same reason, he revealed, why he hopes to be in Hamilton next year as a visiting professor at McMaster University.

Born in Jerusalem in 1922 — "which makes me older than I feel" — Samuel is the grandson of the eminent British statesman Viscount Herbert Louis Samuel, the first practising Jew to become a member of the British cabinet and first High Commissioner for Palestine from 1920 to 1925.

He finished high school in Jerusalem and studied chemistry at Oxford — where one of his fellow students was Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

In between, Samuel

Prof. David Samuel

saw war service with the British army in the Far East and with the Israeli army during the 1948 War of Independence.

Although he has taken his seat in the House of Lords, Samuel has so far not devoted too much time to politics. "But I am seriously considering spending part of the year in Israel and part in London." To the comment that he could be a valuable spokesman on behalf of Israel, he replied "that's one of the reasons."

Samuel also has a close connection with Toronto. His wife, Veronika, a psychologist with the Institute of Psychology of the Hebrew University engaged in research in learning disabilities, is the daughter of Ernest and Klara Engelhardt of Bathurst Street and she has a brother in Willowdale.

His two daughters by a previous marriage live in Tel Aviv, the elder an architect and the younger enroled in Tel Aviv University, while a teacher daughter is at Yale with her parents.

For further information about the foundation and the dinner call the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science in Toronto, 630-0360, or the Hamilton office, 627-4997.

Author warns women need more elbow room

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
If Jewish men in prominent positions will not realize that they must find a place of leadership for Jewish women within the boundaries of what halacha and tradition will permit, these women will be forced to turn to avenues which are open to them outside the Jewish community.

Author and scholar Yaffa Eliach, made this prediction at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Great Weekend of lectures held recently at the synagogue.

"With more and more young women going into professions — among them a large number of young Orthodox women, who will be continuing in their professions after marriage — many of these women want more elbow room and more visibility within the framework of Jewish tradition and halacha," Eliach says.

In her lecture on The Jewish Woman: From Shtetl to Suburbia, Eliach, 47, digressed from her Holocaust theme.

She says that women today face a dilemma. "They are encountering alternatives never before available to them. And men have an equal dilemma in coping with these new alternatives because men do not know what they are expected to do.

"I want to take advantage of everything that halacha permits me to do," says Eliach, a traditional wife, mother and grandmother.

"We do not have a reservoir of Jewish female scholars, and therefore, men who have been trained for generations in this scholarship must come out and help us sort out, within the halachic framework, what Judaism permits. I don't think men are living up to that challenge."

Eliach traced the role of women from the "cohesive and close-family" relationships of the Eastern European shtetls to the suburbs of America.

"As long as non-Jewish men wrote about Jewish women," says Eliach, "the image was very positive — but when Jewish men started to write about Jewish women, there is quite a change in that image.

"Eastern European women toiled so that their husband and sons would be talmiday chachamim (Torah scholars). They were the producers in their households. In America, this role shifted from the home to the sweatshops.

"These immigrant women remained dedicated to the well-being of their families as well as to the education of their sons. But now their dream was that their sons would grow up to be lawyers and doctors.

"With greater prosperity in the late 1940s and 50s, they moved to the suburbs and the family relied less on the women for financial help. She becomes a consumer rather than a producer.

"This," says Eliach, "is where the title Jewish American Princess developed with its negative, stereotyped portrayal of Jewish women.

But today, says Eliach, Jewish women are coming back from suburbia. They are searching for meaningful places for themselves and re-examining their status in the Jewish community.

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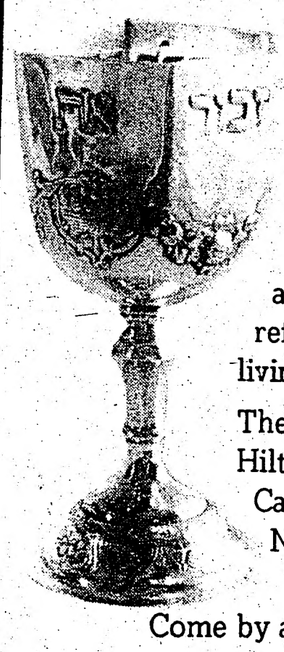

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Rebbitzen Mirl Kelman was a woman of valor

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Rebbitzen Mirl Kelman was the model of an "eyshes chayl" — a woman of valor.

The matriarchal woman who single-handedly raised six children and opened her heart and her home to all those who needed a helping hand, died last month.

Rabbi Phillip Rosensweig of Kitchener, one of the numerous yeshiva boys who gained inspiration from the rebbitzen, told The CJN: "Our people suffered the loss of a most prominent and distinguished woman — she represented the finest traits of Jewish womanhood. A natural leader and excellent orator, she became the spokesman for the Orthodox women of Toronto.

"For that pioneering generation of young people who embraced the Torah way of life, Rebbetzin Kelman was an inspiration and a model."

He says that during the 1930s and 40s, she was an activist, organizing demonstrations and marches to fight for Sabbath and kashruth observance when it was not fashionable. She served as the founding president of Toronto Mizrachi and later as its national president, travelling throughout the country establishing branches.

Many of the mourners were outstanding Canadian and American rabbis who moved in with the Kelmans on their arrival to Canada because they had nowhere else to go — often remaining for many months.

Rabbis Felder and Pappenheim of Toronto lived there a great length of time — and hardly a week went by where there weren't other rabbis and travellers who found their way to the "Kelman Hotel" — often coming for a day and staying for several weeks.

Her grandson, Rabbi Leib Kelman of Brooklyn, NY describes his grandmother as a woman of "quiet strangth" and "great warmth" and says that she proudly displayed her love of Judaism at a time when many immigrant Orthodox people wanted to hide their religious observance.

Rebbitzen Mirl Kelman

"She remained firm in her Torah way of life throughout her life, yet she was tolerant of others who believed differently — and she never compromised her principles in the new world.

"And despite her pious religious lifestyle, she related to Jews and non-Jews alike."

Rabbi Abraham Kelman, a prominent rabbi in New York, the eldest son of the esteemed rebbitzen describes his mother as a woman who, despite her many hardships, "exuded patience, pride and optimism throughout her life."

Born in Galicia, Mirl Fish and her family ran to Vienna where she subsequently married Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kelman, a seventh generation rabbi. With her five children, two girls and three boys, she left for Canada to join her husband in Dec. 1930, accompanied by her father.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue says that despite their difficulty in obtaining permission to leave Europe, when notice finally arrived that they could leave and that they would be picked up by bus on Saturday to meet the boat-train, his mother told the officials that she refused to drive on the Sabbath.

"The officials were so impressed with her religious dedication and perseverance that they sent a private limousine to pick us up after Shabbos. We had a wonderful and memorable ride while everyone else had a bumpy, crowded one.

"It was this perseverance that followed her throughout her life and gave her the strength to carry on when at the age of 36 she became a widow, left alone with six children."

Rabbi Moses Burak of the Beth Jacob Synagogue recalls that at her husband's funeral, she said, "God, I have no complaints. I've had 18 wonderful years." Turning to her husband's coffin she said, "I promise to raise the children the way you wanted."

Her three sons all became rabbis and her three daughters became professionals — two marrying rabbis.

Her son Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America says: "After my father died, life went on as usual and the family and friends continued to benefit from her guidance, generosity and hospitality."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman recalls that even during the shiva period, his mother insisted that their regular Shabbat guests come to the house for their Shabbat meals.

"I never knew where I would sleep — we always made room for needy guests, those who had nowhere else to go. Often we couldn't even find a place to sit.

"But despite our financial hardships, we never knew we were poor. On Shabbat, our house on Markham St. became the meeting place for young yeshiva boys who knew we always had an open door. Our verandah was always filled with boys and girls and our kitchen was busy with women discussing the portion of the week."

As a yeshiva student, Rabbi Rosensweig often visited the Kelman house. He says, "Her valuable contribution to Jewish life must include her impressive Torah influence upon my generation."

When the rebbitzen moved to New York in 1946, following her children who had gone to study there, she carried with her the same dedication and devotion to Judaism and carved out her place in that community.

And before the shloshim (30 days of mourning) were over, Rebbitzen Mirl Kelman's 22nd great-grandchild was born and named after her.

It is a tribute to the late Rebbitzen Kelman and her husband that all of her children and grandchildren have continued to devote their efforts to Jewish public service.

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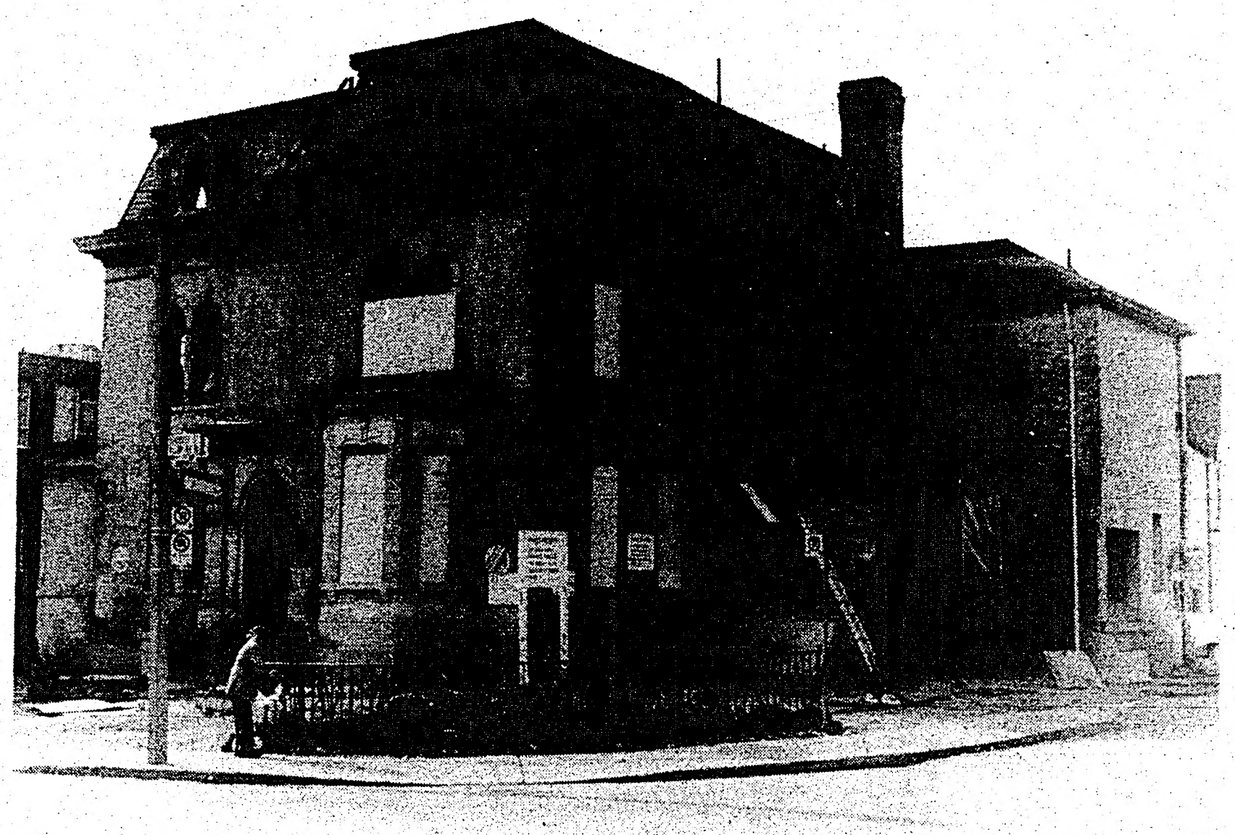

Devon House, former home of the Jewish Welfare Fund and the community's archives, was gutted by fire last week. [Graphic Artists photo]

Damages estimated at $123,000

Fire guts historic building

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
An historic building that once was the centre of the Jewish community in Toronto was gutted in a fire last week.

Devon House, a 3-storey yellow brick mansion on the southeast corner of Beverley and D'Arcy Streets, sustained damages estimated at $123,000.

No one was injured in the blaze. The building had been vacant since September, when the archives centre of the Canadian Jewish Congress moved north to the new Lipa Green Building on Bathurst Street.

In the 1930's and 40's, Devon House housed the Jewish Community and Welfare Services. Built in 1874-75, it had been designated as a historical property by the Toronto Historical Board. It is still owned by the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

By the time the fire was discovered by students at a high school across the street, it was well advanced. According to the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office, which is investigating the blaze, the building is still structurally sound, but the centre stairwell and substantial portions of the roof were destroyed.

Rabbi lauds yeshiva for unique approach

By
MOURA WOLPERT

TORONTO —
A yeshiva should represent the ideal and should never compromise, Rabbi Morton Green told 250 guests at the recent Yeshivot Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot Girls School dinner.

Rabbi Green, spiritual leader of Hamilton's Adas Israel Congregation and founder of the city's day school, Hamilton Hebrew Academy Zichron Meir, was the guest speaker at the dinner, held in honor of Jack and Anne Weinbaum.

It is very important during adolescence to have "the middle path" represented in a non-compromising manner, said Rabbi Green and "what makes this institution so different and so unique from all the other Torah centres in Canada and the United States," he added, "is that it has chosen the middle path."

"Even in one's piety," he remarked, "one should never lean to extremism" and the school, he continued, has done so without compromising its principles.

The two fundamental principles, explained Rabbi Green, are commitment to and involvement with "Am Yisrael," the Jewish people, and the sanctity of the land of Israel.

In a speech liberally sprinkled with quotations from the Torah in Hebrew, Rabbi Green pointed out that when, in the Torah, "God asks for a special relationship with Am Yisrael," it means that Jews are inextricably bound together and intertwined with the destiny of their people. It is a relationship that cannot be severed whenever it becomes inconvenient.

Community plans salute to Scandinavian courage

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Four decades have passed since Oct. 1, 1943, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, when 7,000 men, women and children — the total Jewish population of Denmark — were virtually snatched from the jaws of the Nazi invaders.

Neither the passage of time nor ensuing world events have diminished the notibility of that achievement or the profound sense of admiration and gratitude Jews everywhere feel in their hearts for the citizens of Denmark — king and commoner alike.

That remarkable feat could not have been accomplished so successfuly without the full cooperation of neutral Sweden, which provided sanctuary for Jews throughout the war.

Norway, under Nazi occupation, managed to spirit hundreds of its Jewish citizens out of the country to safety. Inspired by the courageous public stand of their religious leaders against anti-Jewish acts, members of the Norwegian resistance movement not only harbored Jews, but organized escape routes at great personal risk.

In Finland, government authorities resisted strong pressure from the Germans to enforce anti-Jewish legislation. As a result, no Finnish Jews were surrendered to Hitler.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 1, the Jewish community of Toronto will express its gratitude at a Salute to Scandinavia sponsored by the International Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region.

The evening's guest speakers will be Rabbi Dow Marmur, a Swedish national, now senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, and Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president, Alan Rose.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai, will chair the evening's proceddings.

Salute to Scandinavia will be held in the Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services, starting at 8 p.m. The community's participation is invited. For further information, call Ruth Rayman-Morrison at 635-2883.

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Clients claim agency gave them "new life"

Project Connect brings Jewish singles together

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The Jewish Singles Project Connect, operating out of the little red schoolhouse on Finch and Leslie St. (former headquarters of the northeast branch of the JCC) is now serving many people in the North of Metro's growing new districts.

"It sounds dramatic for me to say that we receive calls saying, 'You saved my life,' and 'I'm living a new life now,' but that is what is happening," co-ordinator Cindy Coles told The CJN.

It came into being in 1982 when a study by the Toronto Jewish Congress disclosed a gap in services to Jewish singles.

The group it serves are single parents, never marrieds, separated, divorced and widowed from post-school age to middle age. Students and seniors are not covered.

Last year, there were 1,500 calls to the switchboard, 497-4494, which is staffed Sunday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and which takes messages 24 hours a day.

Project Connect offers support in many ways. Widowed Connect, for recently bereaved men and women under 55, meets once a month at the JCC on Bathurst St. and once a month at Beth Emeth Bais Yehudah Synagogue.

Re-connect, for very recently separated or divorced women requiring emotional support, and Men's Awareness Group, a self-support group for men, also meet at the JCC.

For men and women who need support on an ongoing basis, the Getting on With Your Life group meets at the new Lipa Green building.

For those who want the friendship and support of one person, rather than a group, Project Connect provides such an arrangement with people who have been through the crisis themselves.

A new group, as yet untitled, but concentrating on social skills, meets at Holy Blossom Temple, and is led by social workers.

It is more individualized than the other groups and its emphasis is on educational, cultural and religious interests. This group includes people who are new to Toronto.

Another new effort, a monthly coffee house, began Oct. 15. It meets the third Saturday evening of the month at the JCC and includes free athletic activity.

A baby-sitting co-op, under the joint sponsorship of Project Connect, the JCC northeast branch and Jewish Family and Child Service, is just beginning.

Although the biggest users of the service may be single parents, it is open to everyone — for example, families where both parents work. An orientation meeting for the baby-sitting co-op was held at the Valley, Oct. 17.

Coleds said they hoped to set up a holiday singles registry to do, on a much broader scale, what the north-east branch has been doing in inviting singles and others into homes for meals during the high holidays.

Though registration for these groups took place in September and early October, inquiries are still welcome at 497-4494.

A total of 55 people are taking part in the One to One, and Re-Connect has 11 members. Getting on With Your Life has 7 to 10 people in three different groups.

Project Connect has 60 volunteers, but needs more, especially men.

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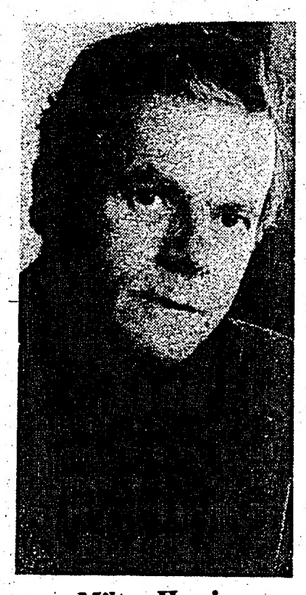
Milton Harris speaks to conference

CJC pledges more support for small communities

By
GARY COHEN

OAKVILLE —
Milton Harris, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, last week pledged greater CJC support for small communities across Ontario, while joining other leaders in calling for more social and political activism as a means of bringing outlying communities "into the mainstream of Canadian Jewish life."



Milton Harris

Speaking at a small communities conference sponsored by the Ontario region of CJC, Harris said that the structure and organization of Congress is currently under review and promised that upcoming changes would reflect a higher priority for meeting the needs of outlying communities.

He stated that decentralization of Congress activities, more equitable budgeting and the development of a satellite concept to allow smaller communities to service each other or plug into the resources of larger centres, will be among the strategies pursued by CJC in the future.

Over 40 Ontario small community residents, some from as far away as Timmins and Thunder Bay, attended the conference at Oakville-Burlington's Shaarei-Beth El Synagogue to discuss the problems and frustrations of living in cities that have as few as 20 or 30 Jewish families.

Discussing the challenges facing these small communities, Harris told participants that his early involvement in social issues of Jewish concern in his hometown of London taught him "how to live and deal with Anglo-Saxon society" and strengthened his sense of Jewish identity.

Despite consisting of only 125 families, said Harris, during the 60s London's Jewish community made strong public attacks on the exclusion of Jews from major social clubs, religious education in schools and the opening of Nazi party national headquarters in the city. In each case, he said, support came from both the Jewish and non-Jewish community and the level of sensitivity to Jewish issues was raised.

"We are not supplicants to Canadian society — we are full participants in the panoply of life," Harris stated. "We will only be respected if we stand up for ourselves."

Citing the findings of a recent Canada-Israel Committee study, Harris added, "anti-semitism is not in the mainstream of Canadian life. And we shouldn't alter our behaviour or lifestyle due to a fear of anti-semitism. We can be absolutely confident of our place in this society."

The CIC survey, which polled Canadian public attitudes towards Jews and Israel, concluded that only 6% of all Canadians can be labelled anti-semitic, while 91% view Jews in the same context as they view themselves.

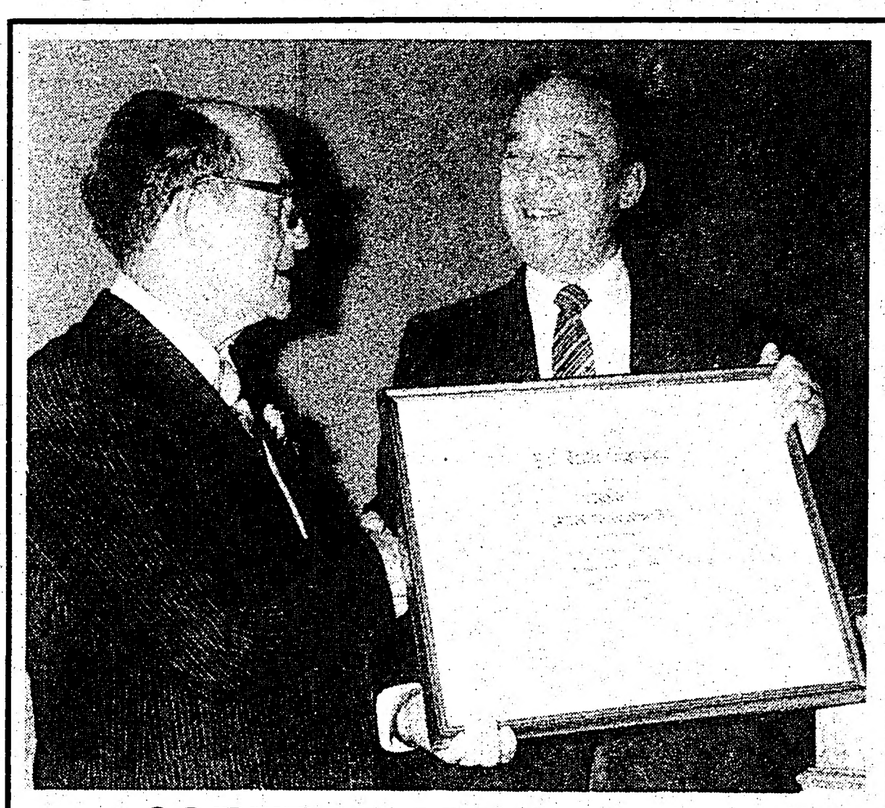
Harris said the "real danger" faced by the current generation of Jewish youth growing up in an open society is that of assimilation. He stated that a general decline in religious observance has made "identification with Israel the link to Jewish survival in the Diaspora."

Harris added because of that link the Diaspora "should have a say in how Israel develops" and called for more Israel-Diaspora dialogue that includes input from small communities.

Yaacov Fisher, the CIC's new director of community affairs, told the conference that the recent creation of his department represented a "change in structure and thrust" for the lobbying body that encourages small community involvement with Israel and the Canadian Jewish political process.

In the past, the CIC's mandate had been to talk to and inform only non-Jews about Israel — mostly target groups like the federal government and other elected officials.

Fisher said one of the repercussions of the war in Lebanon was the realization that Diaspora Jews were generally too ill-informed to respond to Arab propaganda and support Israel. This situation, he said, prompted the CIC to "broaden its scope" and begin educating Jews about Israel.



SOBERMAN HONORED

Beth Tzedec president Aaron Black, right, presented a plaque to Cantor Morris Soberman recently for his 25 years of service as assistant cantor at the shul. [Graphic Artists photo]

Valid reasons listed for stereotyping Jews

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
The stereotype of a typical Jewish person may be offensive to many Jews, but according to a sociology professor at City College of New York, each stereotype has a valid reason behind it.

William Helmreich, author of Things They Say Behind Your Back, says that people are brought up to think of groups in a certain way, and in many instances many of the things they think are true.

Helmreich spoke recently at the first annual Bunny Shoom Memorial Lecture at Beth Emeth Synagogue. Shoom was one of the founding members of the synagogue.

Helmreich says that for years he "had been intrigued with why certain groups are recipients of certain stereotypes." As a result of this overwhelming curiosity he studied 90 stereotypes of different groups. "I discovered that a good number were false, but a good number were true," he says.

"Take the most well-known stereotype about Jews being good in business. There are countless stories and jokes about it, but in reality, it really is a valid point," Helmreich says.

He says that Jews are predominantly represented in business and they are better at it than most other groups because they have "been at it for centuries."

"For centuries Jews were denied many occupations and so were forced to open their own businesses. If we are good in business it is because others put us there," Helmreich says.

He says that many Jews in Europe during the Holocaust learned the value of money when they discovered it could buy their way to freedom. "Money became a ticket to survival."

Helmreich says that the stereotype of Jews being smarter than other groups also has some validity.

"If not smarter, we are definately more highly educated," he says.

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Oshawa synagogue offers new programs for members

By
TAMMY KAROL

OSHAWA —
Beth Zion Synagogue of Oshawa is bustling with activities this fall and winter in an attempt to reach out to more members of its community.

The shul's membership is 70 families, is traditional in scope, with separate seating and a mechitza, and is the only Jewish place of worship in this city. Minyans are held four times a week.

There are also adult education classes and Hebrew classes for children up to age 14 taught on Sundays and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Hebrew classes for adults are also offered.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko has been spiritual leader of the synagogue for the last three years. The native of Pittsburgh attended Beth Jacob Rabbinical College in New York and is on the executive of the Rabbinical Council of America, Ontario region. He has three children and his wife teaches at the shul's Hebrew school.

Synagogue president is Steven Gold, a family doctor in Oshawa who hails from Toronto.

Under Poupko's initiative, Beth Zion introduced a series of special programs for the community this year, including a pre-Selichot program with the following speakers: J. B. Salsberg, columnist for The Canadian Jewish News, Rabbi Baruch Taub of Thornhill's Beth Avraham Yaakov Synagogue, and Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national director of Canadian Mizrachi — Religious Zionists of Canada.

Poupko reports that High Holiday and Selichot services were especially well attended this year with Cantor Zvi Gross of Ottawa officiating. Another successful turnout took place Oct. 1 when the shul's sisterhood organized a Simchat Torah celebration.

This month Beth Zion also held a cantorial concert with Cantor Yitzchak Aptowitzer of Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, Toronto.

Poupko conducted a seminar this month entitled The Jew and the Gentile World.

Other special programs include a new weekly Bible class for women at the synagogue. Classes began Nov. 2 and are held Wednesday mornings at 10.30. They centre on the weekly Torah portion and a wide gamut of Midrashic and Talmudic literature.

Weekly Monday evening Talmudic classes for men also began at the home of the rabbi Nov. 14.

The synagogue's next big event is a children's Chanukah party scheduled for Dec. 4 and an adults Chanukah party set for Dec. 10.

Anyone interested in joining the community of Oshawa is urged to come to these events. For further information contact Morton Marder, Beth Zion's membership chairman at 1-723-8317 or Rachel Berdugo at 1-725-5571.

Oshawa's total population is 125,000 but the city is growing according to Beth Zion's president Steven Gold. GO Train plans to expand to Oshawa by 1988 and the ministry of revenue has just put up a building there, he said.

Gold points out that Oshawa has all the amenities of Toronto.

Poupko says the shul's sisterhood is also very active in the community.

Beth Zion has been in its present site for 30 years but the synagogue has existed for some 70 years. Address of the synagogue is 144 King St. E.

The Jewish community in Oshawa has been around since the beginning of this century and today most of its members are business people and professionals.

Carol Townsend, left, is joined by Steven Gold and Rabbi Reuben Poupko.

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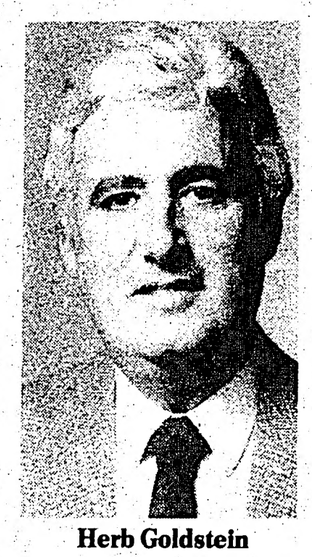
Program enjoys great success

Special school helps learning disabled children

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Mark Singer is different from his brothers and other children his age. He is a pleasant, intelligent 8-year-old with a learning disability — which means he can't learn up to his potential, he can't function within the confines of the regular school system, and until recently couldn't attend a Hebrew school to learn about his Jewish heritage, to study Hebrew or to prepare for a bar mitzvah.



Herb Goldstein

Seven years ago, a group of concerned parents who wanted a Jewish education for their children in the northeast section of the city, started a special school, the Tikvah Hayim Education Program for Children With Learning Disabilities [THEP] at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue on Bayview Ave.

"We wanted to provide an effective service for the learning disabled," says Herb Goldstein, chairman of the THEP advisory board. "Children with learning disabilities are capable of achieving a high level of education if they are learning in the right atmosphere."

Goldstein explains that there are many types of learning disabilities of which parents should be aware — difficulty in socializing, emotional problems, seeking negative attention, poor coordination, speech or attention span, short memory or poor reading skills.

To enter the THEP program, a psycho-educational assessment must be available and the child must be in a special education program during the day.

At the THEP school, there are usually two teachers for every eight children, Goldstein says. "The teacher-student ratio and class size are very important because the students must get individualized teaching — and activities are designed to lead to a feeling of success, which is most important.

"Our special education teachers are sensitive to the children's needs and they work towards developing their strengths by encouraging them to express their feelings.

"By developing this feeling of self-worth and pride, the emotional stress is reduced and the children display a high potential for learning."

This term, 36 students attend the THEP Sunday morning religious school to study Jewish heritage and the meaning of Jewish customs and holidays.

"This program has met with great success," says Goldstein, "and 19 of these students take additional classes in Hebrew language as well.

"We have celebrated many bar and bat mitzvah services with our students, and many of them continue with post bar and bat mitzvah classes. In addition, we introduce them to the mainstream activities in the synagogue such as mincha-maariv services and Shabbat services, and they participate in our holiday activities.

"The Beth Tikvah youth program councilors are now learning to work with these kids," says Goldstein, "and we hope they will become more involved with our synagogue's youth programs."

THEP is directed by an independent volunteer advisory board made up of parent representatives and professionals in the field of special education.

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living

Activity is the key word at centre

TORONTO —

Standing proudly at the crossroads of the established Jewish community and the new frontiers opening north of Metro is the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

The centre has become the focus of activity for well older members of the Toronto Jewish community who want a place to meet, to learn, to socialize and have the feeling of belonging.

It was born as a project of the Toronto section of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada and opened its doors to seniors at Council House on Bathurst St.

A volunteer worker at Betel Centre.

Today, it has grown to an independent organization in its $2 million modern building at 1003 Steeles Ave., just west of Bathurst St.

Rhea Shulman, director of the Betel Centre, recalls the dreaming, planning and program development by the Council of volunteers for individuals entering their retirement years who wished to remain active and involved in their own lives and in their community.

"The NCJW women provided the facilities, along with their volunteers, to explore the unmet needs of this segment of our community," says Shulman, "and they filled those needs for the older members of our community."

With funding from Wintario, Metro Housing, North York, generous support from Joseph and Esther Betel, in memory of their son, and the support of many others, the multi-purpose building was erected to accommodate 2,500 members.

Shulman explains that the non-profit centre for senior adults is a comprehensive one-stop community centre for the well elderly. "The goal of the Betel Centre is to improve the quality of life of the senior members of our community in an non-institutional environment."

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Can't turn sow's ear into silk purse

Makeover, not magic is aim of surgeon's skills

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Wouldbe patients — about a third of them Jewish — have unrealistic expectations when they come to see Dr. Martin Unger.

So he customarily delivers a prepared spiel at their first meeting in his fashionable offices at the Institute of Traumatic, Plastic and Restorative Surgery on Victoria St.

"I'm no wizard, no Svengali, no miracle worker," he says. "As a cosmetic surgeon, I simply take the normal and try to make it look like a nicer normal.

"If you're 50, I can make you look the nicest 50-year-old you can be. But if you want to look like a 25-year-old Marilyn Monroe, you ought to consult a magician instead."

But not long ago, a widow in her 50s whose second husband had just died — let's call her Mrs. Rebecca Cohen — insisted, "Doctor, I don't know anything about the magic of surgery. All I know is I want a face lift so wonderful it'll help me catch a rich man."

"But I'm no matchmaker either," protested Unger. "If you want a face lift, you must have it done to please yourself — not a prospective husband."

"Okay, I'll go along with you," she shrugged. "Give me a face lift so I'll feel better about myself."

Nine months later, the former widow Cohen sent him a newspaper clipping from a city in Manitoba, announcing her wedding to a prosperous merchant.

Dr. Martin Unger

"You see, Doctor?" she gloated in an I-told-you-so note. "With your magic, you can work wonders."

Unger tells the story to illustrate how he labors in vain to persuade people he can't transform sow's ears into silk purses.

The more than 5,000 patients he has treated over the years remain convinced that the 41-year-old, Toronto-born son of a Polish immigrant tailor is a Merlin of medicine.

They persist in regarding him in the same way that the late Prime Minister David Ben Gurion used to regard the new State of Israel — a place where the only true realist is the one who believes in miracles.

Their belief appears justified if you consider the variety of cosmetic operations that Unger performs. For $1,800, you can get a nose bob; for $1,500 to $2,000, a swanlike wrinkleless neck; for $2,400 to $3,200, a complete face lift.

A breast enlargement, using a silicon implant, will set you back $1,500 to $2,500. A tummy tuck, using an incision above the belly button, may run from $1,000 to $3,000. A belly removal, employing a vacuum process called lipo-suction to siphon layers of fat, can be done for $2,000 to $3,000.

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Plugs of living hair are transferred from growth area A to bald area B at a cost of $20 per plug; and if 500 plugs are required to complete the job, he acknowledges it can run up to big money.

But though some of his clients are affluent jet setters from the Middle East and South America, Unger debunks the notion that you must be as rich as an oil sheik to seek out his services.

"I've had a truck driver as a patient," he recalls. "The guy wanted the hump on his nose removed to make him look more refined. And I've had both school teachers and stenos in their 40s who've saved up to have a face lift. Not to win a beauty contest, but for sheer economic reasons. In our society, you've got to keep one step ahead of the new crop of kids competing fiercely for your job."

It's also true he has had a number of glamour clients whose livelihood depends on their appearance. Though they are seemingly privileged actors and models and TV news announcers, his heart goes out to them.

"Nobody is more insecure about their looks than a professional beauty," he says. "When they look in the mirror, all they can see are the flaws in their image."

Typical was the model who came to see him weeping because a photographer had told her jocularly, "Your nose cast a funny shadow in that last shot. Have you ever considered getting it trimmed?"

Or there was the case of the Hollywood understudy to Susannah York. She was desperate to have a face lift. Age was creeping up on her. She was afraid of losing her bread-winning resemblance to her movie alter ego.

Unger is no less sympathetic toward patients who are not in the public eye. He frequently finds that all they need is a psychological jolt — and a minor bit of corrective surgery — to give them a new awareness of their body.

"I'm a great believer in the power of positive thinking," he says. "I've met women thoroughly traumatic because their skin is pitted with acne scars. After I've improved their condition with deep chemical peeling, they get praise from their friends and it's a terrific ego boost.

"One thing leads to another. They begin to exercise and pay attention to their neglected diet. And before they know it, they do, in fact, look as though they were miraculously transformed."

Unger can't always discover the aftermath of his surgery, for his patients tend to be very circumspect.

"Some are so sensitive they won't even tell a sister or brother they've had cosmetic surgery," he says. "And I've got to be extremely diplomatic when I meet former patients at the theatre or a charitable fund raising affair. I pretend I don't know them — until they first say hello."

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Author-fan tries to follow Argos' bouncing ball

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

— Nearly 30 years as a long-suffering fan of the "old" Toronto Argonauts was about all the punishment writer Jay Teitel could take without getting a few things off his chest — so he decided to do something about it.

Often compelled to support teams that, deep in some rational crevice of his Argo fan's mind probably made him question their ability to suit up, let alone win football games, Teitel admits he decided to write a book about the Argos and his own experiences as a fan partly because he wanted to cleanse himself of his masochistic devotion to the hapless Double Blue.

What developed out of Teitel's cathartic scribblings was an intelligent, good-humored, insightful retrospective of significant moments in the fate-tinted history of the Toronto Argonaut Football Club titled The Argo Bounce.

Written entirely from a hope-springs-eternal fan's point of view, the book sheds light on the Argonaut mystique, the pyche of losing teams and their supporters and the perversion of The Bounce.

Up to the beginning of the 1953 season, Argonauts were the epitome of the clutch team and The Argo Bounce was their secret weapon — the fortuitous fumble or fluke play that so often occured at crucial moments and helped produce eight Grey Cup wins for Toronto between 1933 and 1952.

Teitel's book really focuses on the next 30 champagne-free years of Argo history that transformed an expression of invincibility into a synonym for just plain bad luck.

Teitel says the book, released in the summer of 1982, gave him an opportunity to survey this wasteland from the plain of history and try to make some sense of the miscalculations and blunders that destroyed a winning tradition and spawned a generation of supporters for whom losing and the promise of next season became a kind of pathological distinction.

With the book completed and in print, Teitel says he was convinced his days as an Argo fan had come to an end. Things were in perspective, an era of his life had a sense of finality about it and he wasn't going to get sucked into another season of rooting for a team that had refined losing down to a heartbreaking combination of art and science.

Teitel, 34, a freelance writer whose work has appeared in Quest, Esquire, Saturday Night, Sports Illustrated and Toronto Life [for which he wrote a regular sports column and often covered the Argos], was anxious to leave the world of sports behind in general. So he resumed writing magazine articles and fiction, and began trying his hand at screenwriting [he's currently in the middle of two film projects].

Meanwhile, along came the "new" Argos.

Teitel had just completed a book about three decades of Argo futility and, as though coming back to haunt him, within six months of publication, the Double Blue were facing Edmonton in a memorable, but soggy Grey Cup game. Despite Toronto's loss to the Eskimos, Teitel felt compelled to add a new chapter to his book (the revised edition is already out in paperback) and to his life as a football fan.

Teitel says the best test of whether the Argos are for real will come in Vancouver later this year, if they make it that far, because a Grey Cup would provide instant credibility. But Teitel already can't shake the feeling that there is something very different about the new-look Argos. And nothing the team has done so far this season disputes that view.

Sitting in the bedroom-attic of his stylishly renovated east Toronto home where he lives with his wife Karen and two children Sarah, 4, and Zachary, 5 months, Teitel elaborates on his return to the Argos fold as a born-again fan.

Long-suffering Argo fans proclaim their impatience on a sign as they travel to Vancouver for the 1971 Grey Cup, which Argos lost to Calgary.

About the "old" Argos and their fans, Teitel says, "every die-hard fan knows he's crazy. Knowing your own neurosis is the essence of being a die-hard fan.

"The Argos have been a reflection of Toronto schizophrenia. We want to be big league by emulating the States, but also want to maintain our Canadian identity. Those are diametrically opposed drives which create a neurotic situation when imposed on a football team.

"You can only have a big league team in another kind of league. The CFL is not dedicated to excellence or else it would take the best players available. It is dedicated to the Canadian game and Canadian players."

Teitel says this urge to be big league in the CFL — what he calls the Harry Sonshine or lust for America theory — so often led the Argos to spend big money on big names that turned out to be big flops. Terry Metcalfe and Anthony Davis were the most recent products of this preference for style over substance.

It's a move away from this approach that Teitel says is most responsible for the Argos rejuvenation. "Until Bob O'Billovich and Ralph Sazio came along the Argos never had two realists running the team before — just dreamers," he claims. "They have made some unpopular moves, but they have worked out."

Teitel says he's also impressed with the much talked about run-and-shoot offence the team developed under Darryl "Mouse" Davis. "The run-and-shoot offence is not gimmicky," he maintains. "And if you get a good enough group of athletes together I think they could execute it so consistently it could force a change in the rules."

And, of course, replacing the saviours of yesteryear are the outstanding producers of today — Terry Greer, whom Teitel calls "the best pass receiver in North America, Conredge Holloway and the multi-talented Cedric Minter, backed by a strong nucleus of Canadian talent.

While Teitel won't go so far as to predict a Grey Cup victory this year, he would venture that he'd "be really surprised if the Argos self-destruct or are blown out in an important game."

Teitel says it with such conviction that you are almost willing to accept that the real Argo Bounce has returned — but then the promise of another shot at the championship season is a classic tease for the Argo worshipper. There is always another excuse that keeps victory just around the next corner.

Take Teitel's off-the-cuff explanation for last year's Grey Cup defeat.

"Conredge was too small in the rain," he says without a hint of a snicker or a moment of doubt. "Moon has big hands and could grip the ball in the rain."

Sure, Jay. We understand. You're just a poor sucker who's been hooked again.

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Representing the Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club, the South African-born Lifschitz survived a field of over 150 bowlers from England, Australia, the U.S. and Canada before defeating reigning Canadian women's singles champion Shena Mackie in the final. Lifschitz also paired with WLBC teammate Joyce Rembach to take the doubles crown.

Lifschitz, who moved to Toronto from her hometown of Johannesburg a little over a year ago, is no stranger to international lawn bowling competition. She represented South Africa at the last two Maccabiah Games in Israel, collecting two gold and one silver medal.

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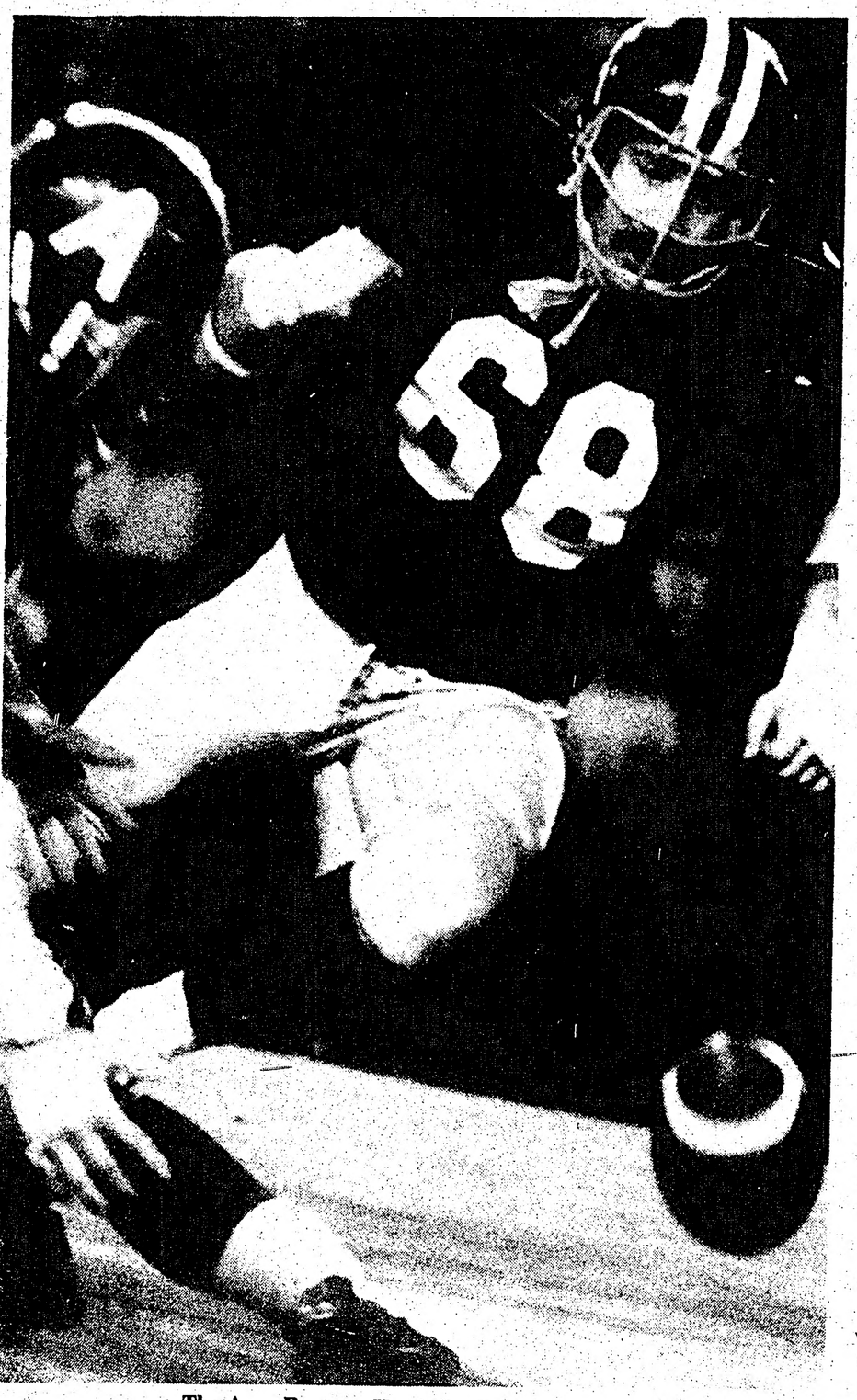

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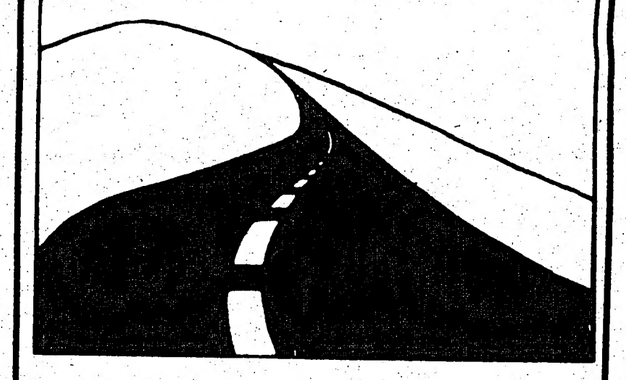

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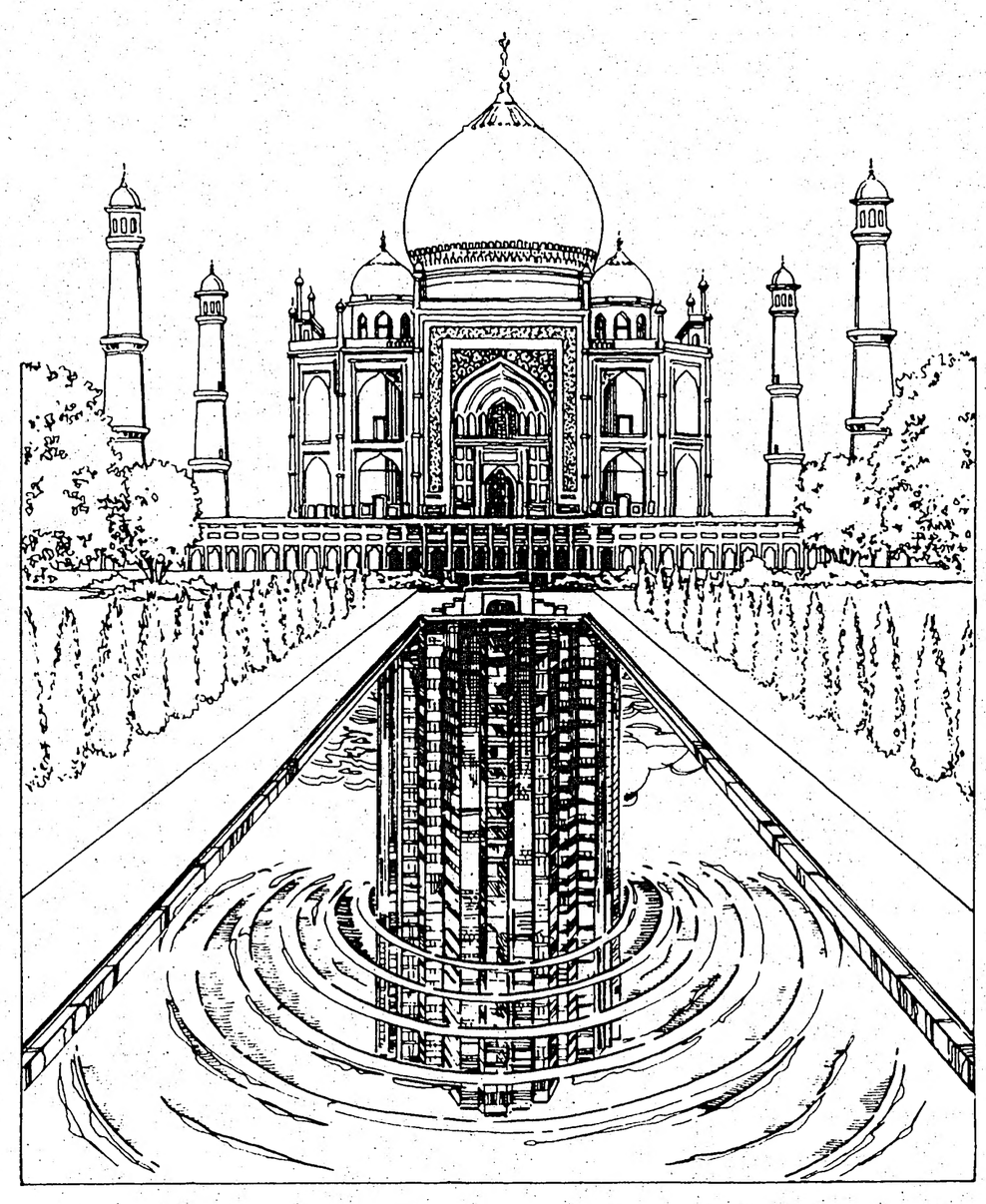

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Rare wartime footage seen

Wallenberg film reveals strange, fascinating facts

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

If ever there was a hero who suffered an ironic tragic fate, it was Raoul Wallenberg. Born with a family name that was the Swedish equivalent of Rockefeller, he was nonetheless shunned as a poor relation when his grandfather died, despite his brilliant academic record at University of Michigan.

His genuine sympathy for Jewry was nurtured in the same place where at the same time, another European crystallized his hatred: Eretz Israel in the early 1930s, that other European being Adolf Eichmann.

These two met again in wartime Budapest, where Wallenberg proved to be one of humanity's greatest shining lights by saving thousands of Jews from Eichmann's murder design.

Yet Eichmann escaped after the war to "free" Argentina and evaded justice for 16 years, while Wallenberg walked straight into the Soviet Gulag after the war, where he remains, either dead or alive, probably alive, up until today.

For while Wallenberg was able to brilliantly outwit the Nazis, he was totally naive when it came to handling the Russians.

Such are the strange and fascinating facts revealed in Raoul Wallenberg: Buried Alive, a Canadian - produced documentary previewed on the U.S. PBS network Oct. 19.

Consisting of rarely-shown taped wartime footage and interviews with family, associates (including an early date, actress Viveca Lindfors, whom he dated as a student but spurned him as being "too intense") and numerous witnesses who recently saw him in Soviet prison camps, this film is a thoroughly researched project which, despite some shortcomings in dramatic impact and the omission of a few recently-revealed facts, must be seen by as many people as possible.

Two highly significant pieces of information worth mentioning here included that Wallenberg's family carried on a thriving business with the Nazis during the war, but then, they offered to recompense the Budapest Jews, after liberation, for all damages inflicted upon them by the Nazis.

It was this first offer of genuine cooperation with their "poor relation's" heroism which made Wallenberg suspect in the eyes of the Russians who believed that anything associated with the Wallenbergs name was a capitalist plot, and thus ultimately did in Wallenberg.

The other significant fact worth mentioning here is the consistent conspicuous failure of Henry Kissinger, during the 1970s when he enjoyed the peak of his power and influence in Moscow, to act on Wallenberg's behalf even when the facts about this hero were becoming plainly evident.

Most likely, the expose of American CIA complicity with the Nazi criminals escaping after the war, came after this film had been completed. Insertion of this sorry chapter in American history, taking place at the same time Russia imprisoned Wallenberg, would have compounded the irony even further.

What is puzzling, however, is the omission of the role Israel has recently played in alerting world conscience to Wallenberg's existence and his tragic plight, a role which has been, in many ways, that of a key pivotal catalyst.

Otherwise, the exposition and juxtaposition of facts by producer-director David Harel (who co-produced with Wayne Arron) is exemplary. One should expect even a documentary on such a personage to lend itself to stunning dramatic effect. But the impact here, probably out of fear of being labeled "too emotional," in fact is too controlled.

Narrator Pierre Berton's voice, while adequate in a matter-of-fact way, fails to convey the unusually powerful emotions and ironies in the text. Lorne Greene or equivalent would have been much more appropriate.

And the music, instead of portraying the deep, gripping drama of the Jewish tragedy in Europe, resembles, with its minimal amplified keyboard style, the soundtrack of an average contemporary trendy suspense flick: functionally supercool.

Thus, while this documentary was certainly a worthwhile effort, the ultimate public tribute to this great hero Raoul Wallenberg is yet to come: probably in the form of a major feature movie.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 481–6434

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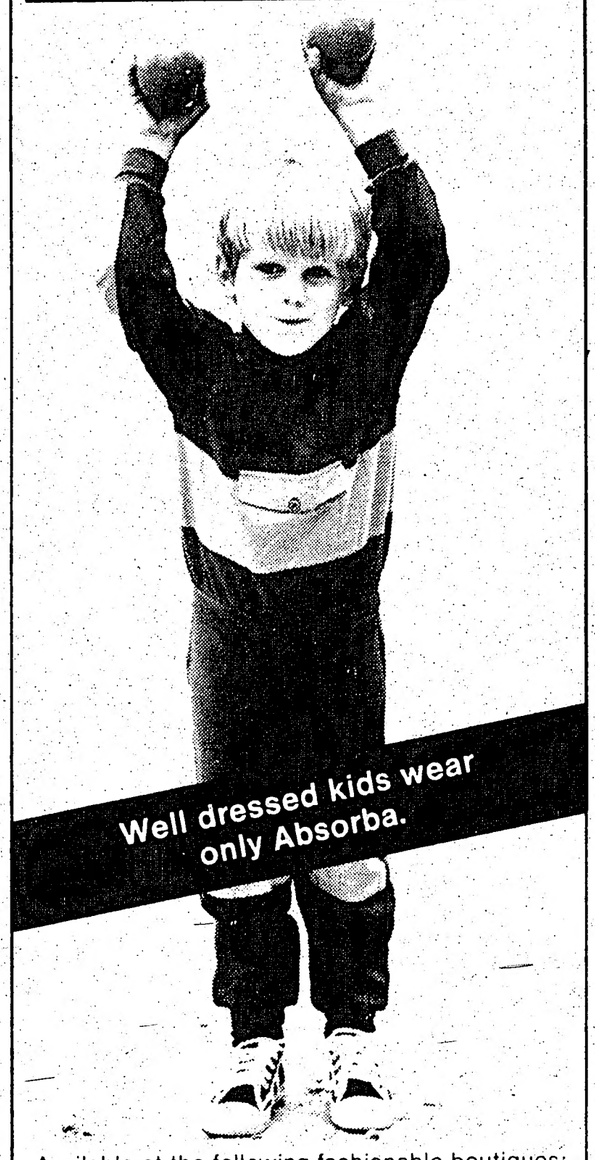

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Winter's Tale by Mark Helprin, Academic Press Canada $19.95.

This is an extraordinary novel. How can it be described? It is a brilliant amalgam of fantasy and realism. The many-sided, rapidly-changing plot embodies the drama of science fiction, the charm of the fairy tale and the allure of the surreal. The close to 700 pages are filled with imaginative imagery and peopled with colorful characters.

The protagonist of the complex story is Peter Lake, a virtuous foundling, who in the early years of our century, makes his living as a burglar in Manhattan. He is in constant flight from a gang of his ex-cronies led by the evil and resourceful Pearly Soames. Happily, the hero has an unusual ally in a giant white horse with the ability to fly. This mythic horse rescues Lake on several occasions as they leap from danger to safety.

Engaged in robbing the mansion of a wealthy press baron, Lake meets his daughter, a beautiful consumptive doomed to early death. Through her family, he eventually comes to know the mysterious Lake of the Coheeries, a snowbound world beyond the limits of time and space. Cornered eventually by Soames and his mob, Lake is killed. But is he?

A century later, close to the millenial year 2,000, he emerges from a cloud-wall of fog that had imprisoned him. The Manhattan of the future that he confronts is a city of vast corruption that faces destruction from a wave of desperate, poverty-stricken residents, and winters of terrifying cold and unearthly beauty.

It is a place where human gladiators, armed with swords and pikes, battle bewildered horses before crowds of frenzied enthusiasts.

"It soon became the custom to ski from place to place, passing silently over dead and buried cars. The air was so clear that people said, 'Shake it and it will shatter,' and day after day, week after week, month after month, a dense freezing wind descended from the north, pushing snow and ice before it like a calving glacier. Winter abounded and exploded . . . it froze the Hudson into a solid highway. It even froze half the harbor."

In the end, Manhattan burns in an apocalyptic event of death and renewal. "The bridges were crowded with uncountable thousands of refugees who streamed across their darkened roadways unaware that the belts of subcities ringing Manhattan had become a single wall of fire. They walked in stunned silence, children on their backs, briefcases and bundles in their hands.

The streets became a huge rag-and-bone shop as people carried off an infinite assortment of objects they wanted to save. The more practical - minded headed north on Riverside drive, laden with backpacks full of food, tools, and warm clothing. But what real chance, in the dead of winter, in a world turned upside down, did a man with a chainsaw strapped across his back really have?"

Shining through this unusual book are affirmative values. On the way to the city of the future it is necessary to pass through gates of responsibility, exploration, concern for beauty and selfless love.

Some readers will regard this attempt at magic realism as escapist and unrelated to the real problems of our age. Some will find in Winter's Tale more manner than matter as they succumb to the author's breath-taking verbal skill.

But others welcome this sprawling, daring, inventive and imaginative book that establishes its author as a major voice in American literature.

Book gives rank amateur chance to dazzle diners

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

This reporter was in New Orleans recently, putting on weight by sampling some of that city's famous food.

One night, six of us sat around a table at Winston's, a well-known restaurant at the Hilton, trying to decide how we would fill our bellies. It was no easy task, given the richly textured menu.

We chose seafood, a wide variety of it, and we were pleased. To end the repast, we chose a Grand Marnier souffle, which seemed perfect. Presenting our compliments to the chef, a Monsieur Goldstein, we departed, sated.

We were reminded of New Orleans as we read **Great Recipes from The New York Times [Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $10.95]**, a book which theoretically enables a rank amateur to match wits with a professional cook.

Of course, a neophyte won't get it right all the time. But no one will fault him or her for trying.

Raymond Sokolov, the author, has assembled a pot-pourri of dishes that anyone can make. He and some notable contributors deal with a whole array of foods from appetizers and meats to soups and desserts.

The recipes, which are easy to follow, tell you how to prepare such delights as chilled tarragon soup, lamb meatball curry and latkes. Sokolov, who was once food editor of that great New York daily, knows his stuff.

Virtually everyone likes Chinese food, which is wholesome, tasty and colorful, both to the palate and the eye.

In **Chinese Cooking [Doubleday, $8.95]**, H. K. Lee conjures up 150 recipes, from abalone and green pea soup to beef and carrot stew. There is enough in this volume to keep you away from Chinese restaurants for at least a year.

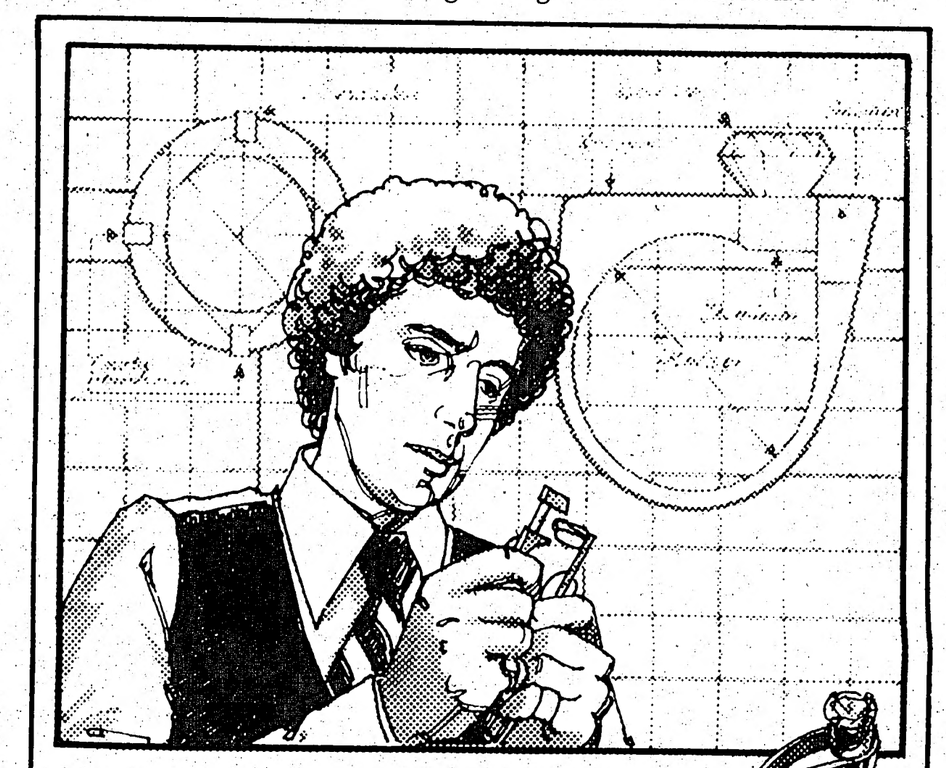
Large color photographs help you visualize the sinful food you're preparing.

Italian cuisine is more than pasta and pizza. It can be duckling with olives, trout with mushrooms, lamb with sweet peppers or artichoke hearts with spinach.

Italian Cooking [Doubleday, $8.95], which is also lavishly illustrated, will lead you through the intricacies of food that schmecks.

Pies are usually associated with berries, apples, cherries, rhubarb and the like. But you can be a pie maker, too, if you use meat, fish, vegetables or cheese.

The Pie's The Limit! Savoury Pies For all Occasions [Penguin, $9.95] is a good primer on the subject. Judy Wells and Rick Johnson, Toronto writers who run a catering company, initiate you into the art of the savoury pie and turn it into an interesting experience.



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Jaime Weisenblum

Violinist makes Carnegie debut

TORONTO —

Canadian violinist Jaime Weisenblum will make his Carnegie Recital Hall debut Friday, Nov. 25.

Weisenblum, a former student at the Juilliard School of Music, returns to New York City not only to appear in a solo recital presentation, but to play as a member of the newly formed Canadian Piano Trio, a group making its first ever appearance in the United States.

The trio is made up of Weisenblum, violin; Nina Tobias, cello; and Stephanie Sebastian, piano.

Weisenblum began his musical studies in his native Brazil, where he first studied with Josef Biro, a former pupil of the renowned virtuoso Jeno Hubay. He was the winner of the South American Jeunesse Musicales for two consecutive years at the ages of 12 and 13. His studies continued in Switzerland, where he also appeared with the famed Festival Strings of Lucerne as concertmaster.

He came to New York City in 1969 and studied under Ivan Galamian and Dorothy Delay at the Juilliard School of Music. At the same time, he appeared as a featured soloist in recital with such noted artists as Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax on Robert Sherman's Listening Room on radio station WOXR and in concert with the Westchester Chamber Music Society and the Empire Sinfonietta under Oscar Shumsky, the latter as a founding member.

In 1974, Weisenblum was invited by the Canadian Opera Company to go to Toronto to become the concertmaster of the COC Orchestra, a position he still holds today.

As a Canadian citizen, he has performed numerous solo and chamber recitals in his adopted country. He appears annually with Toronto's Mainly Mozart Festival and is one of the co-founders of Ontario's Festival of Sound. He returned to Switzerland during the summer of 1983 and completed a successful tour with the Festival Strings of Lucerne.

Nina Tobias studied cello in her native Chicago under Frank Miller, and at Indiana University under Janos Starker. In 1967, upon Starker's recommendation, she accepted the post as assistant principal with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra.

Two years later, Tobias was invited to Ottawa to become one of the original members of the National Arts Centre Orchestra. While in Ottawa, she held the position of professor of cello at University of Ottawa and Carleton University. She has been a frequent soloist and chamber musician for radio and television. A newcomer to Toronto, she is currently assistant principal cellist of both the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra, and the CJRT Orchestra. Tobias is principal cellist of the Chamber Players of Toronto.

Pianist Stephanie Sebastian graduated cum laude from the California Institute of the Arts. In 1974 she was one of three pianists invited to perform at the opening of the Los Angeles Music Center and subsequently made her television debut with Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

A member of the National Concert Bureau, she has appeared with the National Arts Centre Orchestra, Toronto Symphony, the Montreal Symphony, and recorded for CBC radio and television. She has recorded Beethoven Sonatas No. 7 and 17 on the Select Label.

For further information call Michael Howell at 363-6671.

Elmwood gives Kagan credibility

Art has become a status symbol

By HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

Art, says Bonnie Kagan, is now high on the list of things people want to buy. Like the color TV and the second car, it has now become a status symbol.

"Art is now an accepted thing for people to want, like trips and furnishings. Middle income people can now afford to go out and buy art, opening up a whole new world," says Kagan, art promoter and gallery owner.

To prove her point, she mentions her current show at the Elmwood Club, a showcase of Brian Kelly's work. Twenty-five of Kelly's latest works grace the walls of the Elmwood's fourth floor gallery, priced from $350 to $1,600 — within the reach of the average middle income buyer, says Kagan.

She is also enthusiastic about selling top quality posters "because it gives those who wouldn't normally buy art an initiation into the world of art." (The Kelly poster is available, in a limited edition of 1,000, for $75 at the Elmwood, or $110 elsewhere.)

Kagan heads the art committee at the Elmwood Club. The committee is volunteer, made up of club members, but all have extensive experience in art — either as dealers or artists. "What we do here on a volunteer basis," says Kagan, "we charge money for in our business."

Since its inception one year ago, the Elmwood's art committee has booked shows once every four weeks, every two weeks in the high season of October and April. Content and layout receive the highest possible scrutiny, she says, because the club is keen to present a professional image.

Bonnie Kagan

Only "ok" as an artist

After graduating from the Ontario College of Art, Kagan decided that she was only "ok" as an artist, and chose to concentrate on her other skills in the job market. Armed with a BA in psychology from York University, Kagan landed a job with Dun and Bradstreet selling market research. Art still held the most allure, though, and she became a corporate art consultant for three years before deciding to open her own gallery in her home.

"Selling out of your home is hard," acknowledges Kagan, "because you don't have signs up and people walking in off the street. It means a lot of legwork to establish the contacts, but it's worth it."

The opening of the Elmwood in September of last year, and her consequent affiliation with the art committee, gave her "instant credibility. There's no question that the Elmwood is a great drawing card," says Kagan, who admits it was four and a half months before she saw any revenue from her efforts after opening her own gallery.

She attributes part of her success to her willingness to ask for the things she wants. A perfect example is the Brian Kelly show now on at the Elmwood, something which came about simply because she mentioned in passing to the artist that it would be nice to have a show of his at the club. "He just said 'ok, that's a great idea,' and that's how I got it," says Kagan, with just a tinge of surprise still lingering in her voice.

She describes her work as a labour of love, certainly not a pursuit of wealth. "If I wanted to make money I would be in real estate," she says adamantly.

Also an accomplished pianist, she says curating art gives her a chance to "synthesize my talents. I can empathize with the artist, and I instinctively know what's good. When I show an artist's work that I really like, I'm saying 'I would like to have done that.'"

You put up with the nitty gritty details of fussy artists, broken glass and missed deadlines because "ultimately, it is such a joy to be able to present a show."

Once the economy has settled down and the art market looks more secure, Kagan says she wants to open a gallery in a public space. Like her other decisions, this one also has the support of her husband Labe, an advertising executive who co-published the Kelly poster with her.

The Brian Kelly show is open to the public at the Elmwood from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, through Dec. 5. For Chirstmas, the club is sponsoring a Christmas art show, with original art selling in the gift range of $75 to $350. Details on the show have not been released yet, and those interested are asked to call the club for more information.

King comedy to run

TORONTO —

A musical comedy set in East End London at the turn of the century will run Nov. 24 through Dec. 17 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

King of Petticoat Lane, starring Peter Boretski, Carl Ritchie and Lindsay Cable is being presented by the theatre in co-operation with the Art Theatre Production Company.

The comedy, based on Israel Zangwill's novel King of the Schnorrers, explores the values, differences and reconciliation of the aristocratic Sephardic characters, and the Ashkenazim.

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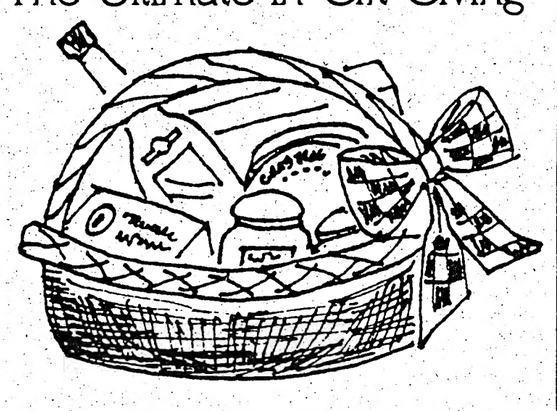

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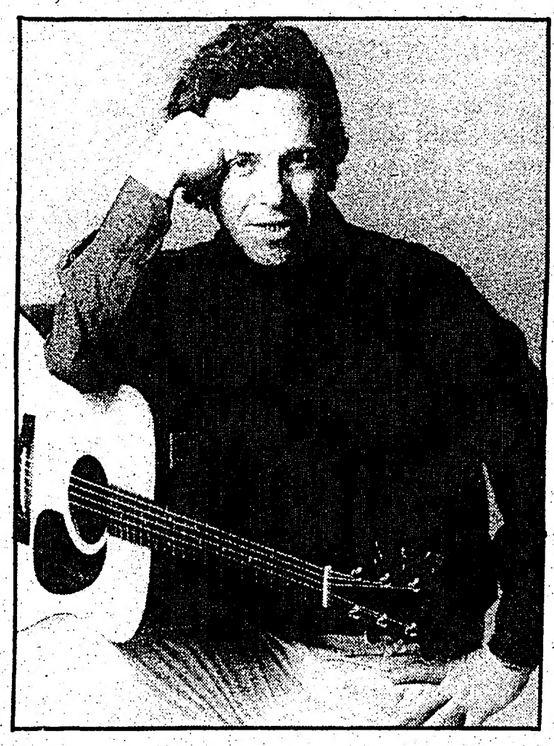

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Dancer conveys sense of artistic ferment

Nadav fuses folk tradition with modern dance

music

By RICK KARDONNE

One of the best folk and modern dancers anywhere in North America lives here in Toronto: Dahlia Nadav.

Her brilliant solo performance before a recent Jewish Students Federation function, hosted by Chai-TV hostess and folksinger Bat Sheva, of two Israeli oriental-Jewish folk-pop classics, David's Harp and Shabbat Shalom plus a pulsating - exciting rendition of a conga-drum number with her partner Pamela Gullen, clearly indicated to all that here is a major dance star.

Nadav's fusion of classic Yemenite-Jewish intricate dance roots with the most sophisticated jazz stylings results in a unique excitement, extremely hard to match.

Her lithe body is under superb technical control, which does not inhibit but rather enhances her ability to convey a sense of maximum artistic ferment. And her free facial expression, in welcome relief to the functional deadpan looks on the faces of most Western European-North American dancers, further adds to the captivation.

Nadav's background suits her ideally for her potential role of bringing the vibrant Yemenite-Jewish folk tradition into the mainstream of modern dance.

Originally from the south Tel Aviv suburb of Holon, Nadav is a former member of the world-famous dance theatre "Inbal" an exclusive dance company which specializes in traditional Yemenite dance (which played at O'Keefe Centre in 1970).

She traveled with Inbal on performing tours of South America, Canada and the U.S. When Nadav was called to serve in the Israeli army she was assigned to the performing troupe of the artillery, where her roles included singing and dancing as well as comedy sketches.

Since her arrival in Canada she has performed in Caravan's Jerusalem Pavillion, at conventions, and at the Leah Posluns theatre. She also teaches dance for the Board of Education and at her own studio, Palia, where she has teamed up with Ottawa-born Pamela Gullen, a veteran of Montreal's Les Ballets Jazz and Toronto Dance Theatre, to form a working partnership of dance creation specifically catering their performances for Toronto's Jewish population.

So far, Nadav and Gullen have mainly entertained for weddings, bar mitzvahs and parties where they have been warmly received. But clearly, they should be immediately exposed to the mainstream world dance audience, where their reception will be equally warm, if not warmer. The Premiere Dance Theatre at Harbourfront is obviously the next [and hopefully as soon as possible], public venue for the exceptional abilities of Nadav.

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Israel will not be participating in the 1984 Eurovision Song Festival because the date will be Yom HaZiecharon Memorial Day).

This is the second time that Israel, who holds Eurovision's best record (first place in 1978-79 and second place in 1981-82) will not be participating due to scheduled dates falling on national days of mourning. In 1980, Eurovision's date was Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

Would Eurovision be scheduled for Good Friday? Probably not. One must suspect that the motives behind the scheduling of these dates are more than purely coincidental.

Regardless of whether or not these suspicions are proven to be true, Israel's great contemporary scene no longer needs Eurovision's stamp of approval in order to win worldwide acclaim outside of Israel.

To begin with, Jewish youth around the world, outside of Israel, must be made much more aware of what's happening there musically.

The JCC, the Jewish educational institutions, and the synagogue youth organizations must be the initial vehicles. Jewish youth have always favorably reacted to all forms of Israeli popular music, and the morale boost to especially Jewish students on campuses beleaguered by Arab propaganda will be immeasurable.

Dancers Pamela Gullen, left, and Dahlia Nadav.

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By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

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You've just heard the happy sound of happy customers devouring the happy products vended out of her home by Honey (Happy) Mahl.

People in Thornhill now refer to her as the "Happy Popcorn Lady." With the help of her three daughters, Jill, 14, Tammy, 12, and Melanie, 10, she has recently launched a new business in the basement of her 2-storey house (phone 886-0077 or 445-2950).

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And let's not overlook the crunchy popcorn crammed inside.

Mahl buys the stuff in fresh bulk form from the Super-Puff Toronto wholesalers. Her three daughters pack the three most popular varieties — buttered popcorn, caramel corn, and cheese-flavored popcorn — in three huge, tightly-tied plastic bags.

But, if you so desire, she will be glad to fill the cans with your choice from 52 different flavors, some of them oddball as all get-out. You can take your pick of a mouth-watering selection that includes:

Pizza popcorn and pistachio popcorn, bubblegum-flavored popcorn and rootbeer-flavored popcorn, popcorn that has a taste of tangerine or amaretto or anise, of licorice, pineapple, banana, or strawberry, and popcorn that's redolent of blue apricot or cotton candy, of chocolate-mint or apple-mint, and tutti-fruiti and sour cream and onion, and let's not forget watermelon popcorn.

Whatever kind of popcorn you have a yen for, Mahl will be happy to pop up with it — and the whole shebang costs $17.

A lot of her customers, too, buy the empty cans for $13. Mahl says they fill a variety of useful functions — as vacuum-sealed, bug-free food containers at a summer cottage, as cookie tins and flower planters, as magazine holders and children's seats, and as sheer ornamental decorations.

Mahl rattles them off at a machine-gun rate like the dynamic saleslady that she is. A 36-year-old honey blonde, married to Jerry Mahl, who is himself great shakes as a sales representative of the manufacturers of Santana jeans, she is one of those energertic Wonder Women who are the envy of lazy housewives lacking her drive.

"I've got to be out there, hustling and achieving, with a half dozen irons in the fire," she says. "Otherwise, life is bo-ring."

She inherited her business sense from her father, Herman Laufer, a Toronto restauranteur-hotelier now retired in his 70s, who used to operate the Mississippi Belle on Don Mills Rd.

After graduating from George Harvey High School, she worked as a steno for a Bay Street broker — "bored out of my skull, sitting behind a desk," she recalls glumly.

Happily, she was rescued from this tedium after meeting her husband at a Sunday night dance at the old Spadina-Bloor Y.

She has since been a successful entrepreneur engaged in several enterprises.

For the past 13 years, she has been operating the Exchange Program, a thriving domestic employment agency, which imports English nannies and provides French summer students with jobs as babysitters for families here while improving their English.

Among other things, she also is sales merchandiser for Vidal Sassoon products at the Update Management wholesale brokers, and sells ads for Canadian Bride magazine on the side.

She latched onto the idea for her Happy Can Popcorn business while vacationing last winter in Florida, where she says it's all the rage. She tried selling the popcorn cans on a test basis at the recent Hadassah-WIZO bazaar.

"I did a fabulous business," she says. "One lady bought six cans. When I asked her how she was planning to get them all home, she said she had a van. Boy, did she ever need one."

She expects to do a similar brisk trade at the Pioneer Women's Bazaar next Sunday, Nov. 20 at the International Centre on Airport Rd. And, in anticipation of the Christmas trade, she has rented space at the North York Mall from Dec. 12 to the 24th.

"I adore my product," said Mahl, crunching on caramel corn while posing for a CJN photo. "I'm not a popcorn nosher — I'm a popcorn **fresser.**"

Yet she has this sleek, sylph-like figure — a slim 118 pounds for her 5 feet 7 height and is not an ounce overweight.

How does she do it?

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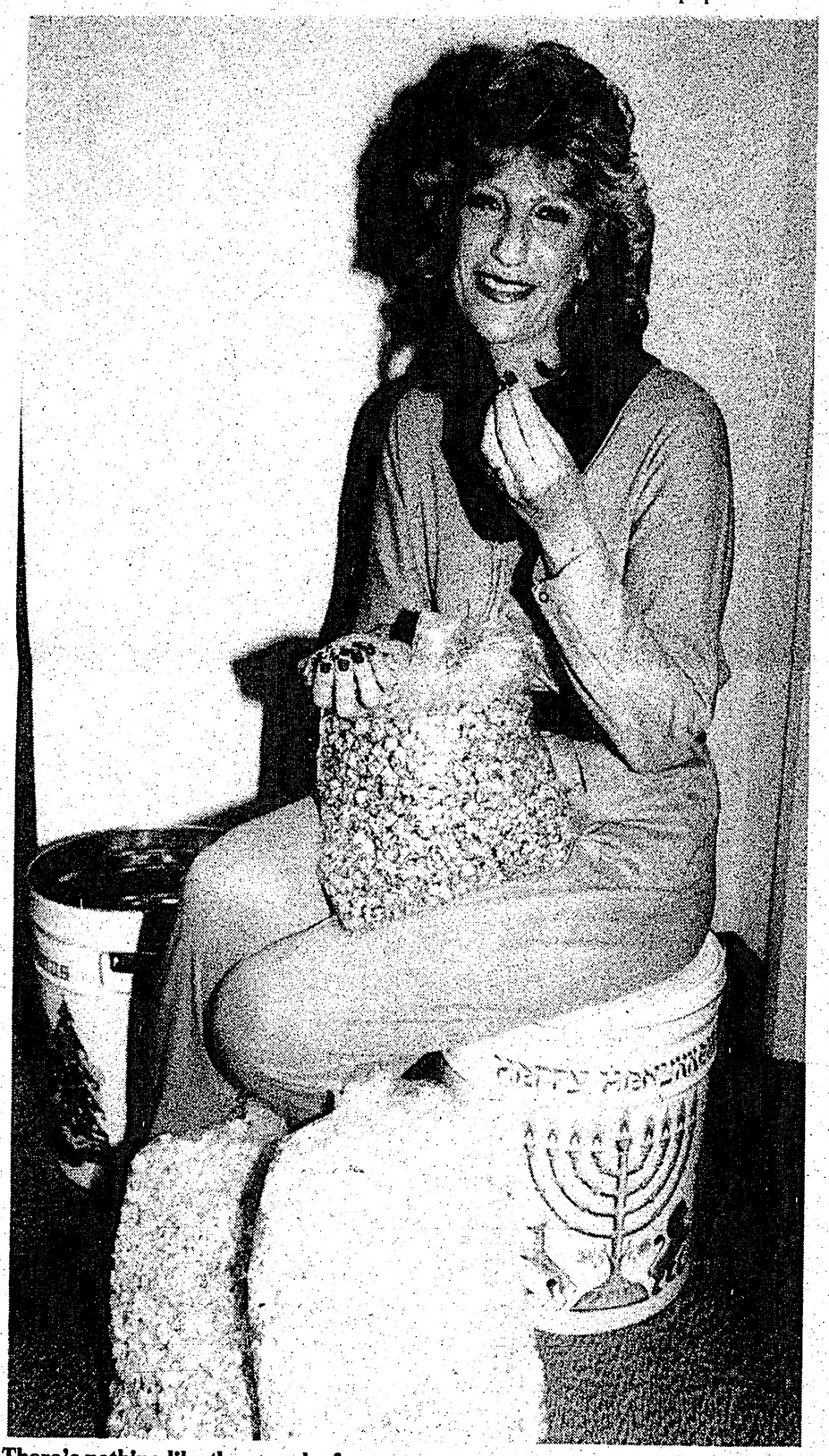

There's nothing like the crunch of popcorn to put a smile on Honey Mahl's face. [Ronny Shinder photo]

Some words of 'wisdom' from the past.

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75th Jubilee is celebrated at Beth Jacob Synagogue

KITCHENER —
More than 300 people crowded into the Rosen Auditorium of Beth Jacob Synagogue here recently to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of the Congregation's existence.

Joining the "old-timers," who remembered much of those early years, were teenagers and relative newcomers to the community.

During the pre-dinner reception, the guests, many of whom came across the country, had an opportunity to study the large gallery of pictures which movingly told the story of the congregation's history.

Guest speaker was the treasurer of Ontario and minister of economics, Larry Grossman.

He proudly spoke of his grandfather who immigrated to Canada from Ostrovitz, Poland in 1908 — the very year in which Beth Jacob was officially founded.

"He clung to his heritage in the face of a society that had little understanding of it," Grossman said. "My grandfather refused to hide his Yiddish tongue or his Jewish beard."

With profound emotion, he spoke of his experiences in Russia, which included distributing prayer shawls in the Moscow Synagogue and meetings with Jewish Refuseniks.

Chairman of the evening was Howard Budd, Beth Jacob's president. Budd is a third generation Beth Jacob member and is the son of the late Nat Budd, who also served as president.

Rabbi Philip Rosensweig, spiritual leader of the congregation for the past 30 years, described the severe social conditions which prevailed when the founding families took up residence in Kitchener. However, their foremost concern was to establish a Torah Centre for the preservation of Judaism for their families and the future.

Rosensweig spoke of the family atmosphere which is a phenomenon of the smaller Jewish congregations.

"We grow closer and stronger in sharing the Simchat of each other, and shedding honest tears for the sad moments of our friends," the Rabbi said. "Our dedication to the maintenance of a Torah-true shul, unites our generation with those of the past.

Beth Jacob is a thriving congregation because we care for each other in the spirit of warm friendship."

Receiving a scroll from Larry Grossman at Beth Jacob's Jubilee is Rabbi P. Rosenweig as Arthur Hock, left, and Howard Budd look on.

Avi Shulman to speak at Hebrew day school

TORONTO —
One of the American Jewish community's most highly regarded innovators in the field of parenting will be guest speaker at a seminar sponsored by the She'arim Hebrew Day School, Monday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m.

Avi Shulman, author of Helping Children Succeed in Things that Really Count, will be speaking at the Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor Avenue, Downsview. The theme of his address will be: Criticizing Children: Opportunity for Growth or Perpetual Noodging.

Shulman believes in the need to help children develop a positive self-image and maintains that children will achieve and succeed, depending, in large measure, on how they view themselves. In his writings, he has underscored the responsibility of parents in developing positive, confidence-building, feelings in their children.

Shulman is a member of the staff of the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools (Torah Umesorah). Prior to his present work, he served as a classroom teacher for over 20 years.

She'arim is a day school for Jewish children with learning disabilities, housed at the Wilmington Public School building.

Avi Shulman

Mizrachi looks to future

TORONTO —
With the publishing of a new brochure and poster, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi hopes that the greater visibility of the organization will lead to even greater successes.

In trying to reach out to the community at large, Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director, announced at a recent Melave Malkah held as a Kabbalat Panim in his honor, that a campaign for membership had commenced.

"While we can boast of our many accomplishments of the past, the greatest challenge lies ahead for our organization," stated Rabbi Gopin. "Israel needs more than ever before both the physical and spiritual support only Mizrachi can give."

The Melave Malka, attended by over 200 people at Congregation Bnai Torah, served as an opportunity for young and old to experience and learn of the varied programs Mizrachi sponsors.

The next program is a post-Chanukah event the weekend of Dec. 10. Jerry Rosenfield is serving as chairman. For further information about this and other Mizrachi programs, contact Rabbi Gopin at 630-7575.

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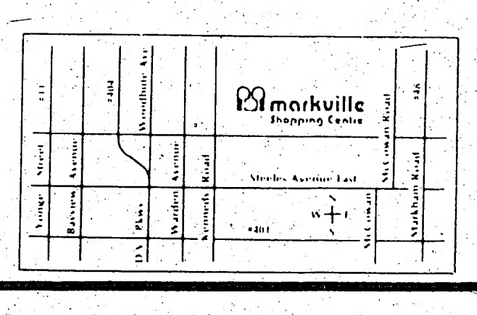

Travel

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By
LARRY FROMER

WASHINGTON —
What's a nice Jewish fellow like Edwin Colodny doing being a president of an airline?

In an industry where Jewish airline presidents are as scarce as bodies for a week day minyan and at a time when several airline companies have already gone bankrupt and some of the biggies are tottering, is this any kind of business for a smart Jewish lawyer who was educated at Harvard, no less?

No indeed . . . unless the airline of which you are president is USAir which happens to be one of the two major carriers to turn a profit these days and you're the envy of your peers who wonder how you managed to pull it off.

How did Edwin Colodny and USAir manage to pull it off?

For the last several years the airline was faced with the same handicaps as others: sudden deregulation which threw the airline business into a tizzy, recession, inflation . . . you name it. How is it then that from 1978 to 1982 USAir achieved an operating profit of $281 million while the U.S. scheduled airline industry reported a combined operating loss of $1.1 billion?

To borrow a page from the haggadah: why is USAir different from all other carriers?

Mostly because it didn't get too big for its britches. It could have gone the way of other carriers when the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 gave the green light to airlines to add new markets when they wanted to and price their product as they saw fit.

Many seized the opportunity to go on an ego binge by taking on a slew of new far flung destinations, borrowing to purchase new equipment to service them; pricing their product too low in order to meet the competition and then finding that they were caught between the problems of overexpansion and too much debt.

USAir took a different route. It kept within its basic game plan of short and medium haul flights and added longer distance cities carefully and judiciously.

"We were very tempted to pursue a route from our major hub, Pittsburgh, to London, which would have represented a $75 million investment in wide body aircraft but thrust us into a highly competitive situation that promised little or no return," Colodny discloses. "But we sat on our ego and decided that this capital would be better invested in narrow body jets capable of expanding our system to major U.S. cities while still concentrating on the addition of smaller cities within a 500-mile radius of Pittsburgh."

USAir employs the "hub system" which operates on much the same principle as the hub and spokes of a wheel.

Edwin Colodny

Let's suppose you're flying from Toronto to Toledo. There's no direct service but you can board the 7 a.m. USAir flight to Pittsburgh and feed directly into a 9.45 a.m. USAir flight from Pittsburgh to Toledo.

Between 8 and 9 a.m. USAir has some 25 flights coming into Pittsburgh from 25 different cities, connecting with 25 flights to other cities — an amazingly comprehensive and coordinated system.

Colodny is high on Toronto. "I think it's one of the most exciting cities in North America. We do very well there and I'm anxious to add additional service, but routes in and out of Toronto are controlled by bilateral agreements between the U.S. and Canada and its hard to predict when we'll be able to increase schedules."

Colodny was born in Burlington, Vt. of an Orthodox Jewish family. His father was a grocer, back in the days of home deliveries and young Colodny got his first taste of service by lugging bags of groceries house to house. During high school vacations he waited on tables at various Jewish-populated resorts in the Adirondacks.

At the age of 8 he took up the violin, even eventually enrolling in the renown Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. But after three years there he opted against a career in music.

Colodny switched from a major in music to one in government at the University of Rochester with an eye towards the legal profession. Following graduation he was accepted by the Harvard Law School where he helped to support his studies by working at Vaughn Monroe's supper club in Framingham, Mass. "I was a counterman, second cook and waiter. We used to pack 800 people for dinner and dancing and if I came home with $15 in tips, I considered it a good night."

Colodny's first job after graduating Harvard was in the office of the Judge Advocate General as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army and upon returning to civilian life he became a trial counsel for the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board. It was during the CAB period that he attracted the attention of Leslie Barnes, president of Allegheny Airlines, which was USAir's predecessor. In 1978 he was elected president and chairman of the board.

Three years ago Allegheny changed its name to USAir as well as its image. Within recent years it has grown into a well run, sophisticated and obviously profitable airline, thanks no little to Colodny's innovative skills in the areas of service, marketing and finance.

It has a jet fleet of 120 planes and carries 12,000 employees on its payroll.

It has happy passengers. In the Consumer Aeronautics Board report of consumer complaints against airlines for the first six months of 1983, USAir finished a close second to Delta for fewest passenger gripes.

Colodny is married with three children. He is a member of Washington's largest Reform congregation and has strong ties to the Washington Hebrew Home for the Aged, as his uncle was executive director of the home for 26 years.

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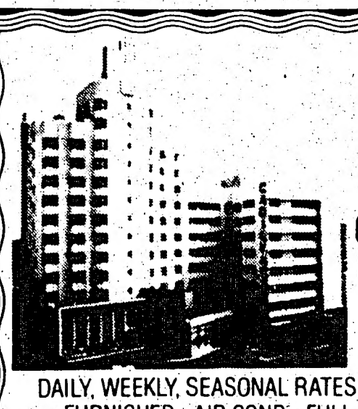

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Nature lovers, fishermen find paradise at Louisiana's Honey Island swamp

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

SLIDELL, La. —

Forty-five minutes from the bustle of New Orleans, in St. Tammany parish, lies one of the least explored, wildest swamps in the U.S.

The 240-square mile Honey Island swamp, in southeast Louisiana, is in the heart of bayou country. A bayou is a sluggish stream, and this southern state is crisscrossed with bayous.

Those attracted to the idea of exploring a primitive wilderness — just some 30 miles from New Orleans' French quarter — will want to visit the Honey Island swamp.

Virtually untouched by man, despite nearby urban inroads, Honey Island swamp is an ecological wonder which nature lovers and fishermen will no doubt appreciate.

Dense canopies of red maple, oak, bald cypress and tupelo, framed by funereal Spanish moss, characterize the semi-tropical flora in these parts. Here, amid the solitude of rural Louisiana, you'll hear the call of frogs, owls and a host of migratory waterfowl.

There are alligators, wild turkeys, raccoons, foxes and snakes in the swamp. And beneath the placid, brackish water are crawfish, catfish, bass, perch and sunfish to catch at your convenience.

Honey Island Swamp in Louisiana.

According to marine biologist Paul Wagner, whose rustic cottage abuts the swamp, mosquitos do not thrive here. And, contrary to what usually passes for common knowledge, the swamp does not exude any unpleasant odors.

Wagner, who holds a PhD in wetland ecology and who knows the region like the back of his hand, offers guided tours of this natural phenomenon.

For $10, you can paddle or pole a pirogue — a canoe-shaped boat — through the Doubloon bayou, which abounds with wood ducks, hawks, herons, egrets and alligators.

For $13, you can explore the Pearl River, which forms Louisiana's boundary with Mississippi. His customized trips, for $75, is naturally much more intensive.

Wagner's wife, a robust, handsome woman, serves up home cooked meals — such as gumbo, red beans and rice — after trips.

To reach Slidell, you drive across the world's longest bridge, the 24-mile causeway over Lake Pontchartrain — named after Louis 14's finance minister and follow the signs.

Jerusalem's rocking

JERUSALEM —

Jerusalem, long regarded as Israel's tamest place for entertainment, is currently boogying to the disco beat of the town's newest and hottest night spot.

It's the Cosmos Disco Club, which manager Yuki Simantov calls Jerusalem's answer to the rock 'n' roll tourist pleasure palaces of Tel Aviv.

Located in the centre of the cafe district in downtown Jerusalem, the club was intended to be exclusively for private membership when it opened last spring.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, however, requested that the club be open to tourists as well, and travel agents have been blessing him since.

Patterned after European discos, the club has a French restaurant for diners, a TV-bar lounge, and a balconied, ultra-modern disco.

The club's loft has been expanded to house a coffee-shop-cum-gallery, where art exhibitions will be displayed, and a video room for watching movies on a wide screen.

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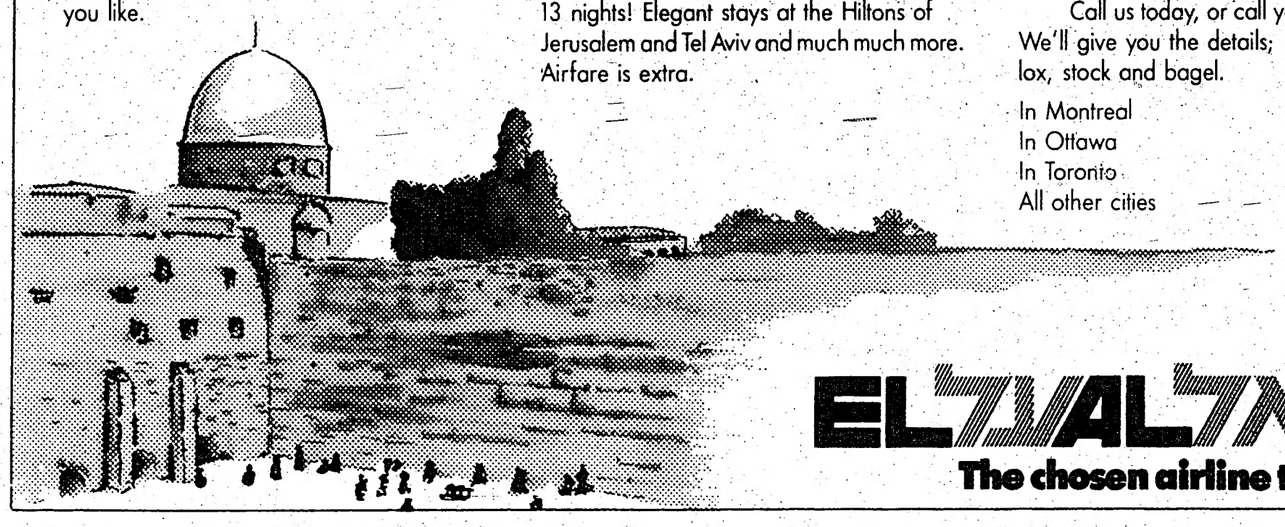

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Governments pour in $80 million

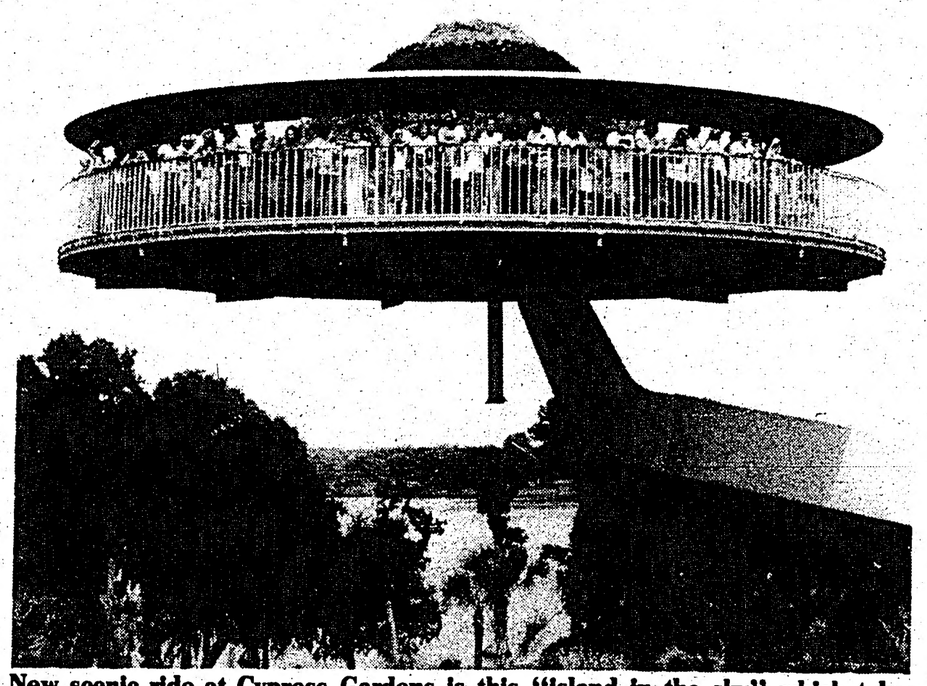
Florida spends big to make the most of its attractions

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

Wherever you go in Florida there are new hotels, new golf courses, beach developments, expanded attractions and airports. More than $80 million, for example, is being spent by United States federal, state and local governments, along with private enterprise, to upgrade, preserve and expand Florida's outdoor recreation facilities and natural highlights.

Waterfront redevelopment programs are enhancing the miles of beaches and making them more accessible to visitors. A scenic $5 million bayfront promenade is nearing completion in Miami. This coming spring a $3.2 million boardwalk promenade and park, will be partly completed along Miami Beach's widely publicized restored beach.



New scenic ride at Cypress Gardens is this "island in the sky" which takes spectators from the ground to a height of 16 storeys, rotating as it rises.

Lots of changes at beaches

Pompano Beach, from Hillsborough Inlet to Lauderdale, is being widened by 150 to 175 feet (46 to 53 metres). A section of Cocoa Beach's Atlantic beachfront became more easily accessible to visitors this past June with a new public promenade, which used to be a deadend street. Alongside the new 850 foot (260 m) promenade are new tennis courts, shuffleboard courts and an Olympic-size swimming pool.

There are other waterfront developments. In St. Petersburg, for instance, a waterfront aviation museum is being planned, with a display and working replica of the first Benopist Airboat, which is said to have made the world's first commercial flight, from St. Petersburg to Tampa across Tampa Bay in 1914. There will be a re-enactment of the flight on Jan. 2, 1984.

At Flamingo Park in Miami Beach a new tennis stadium, able to accommodate 5,000 spectators, is under construction. It is slated for completion for the Orange Bowl Junior World Tennis Championships for amateurs and professionals. North of St. Augustine there is a new nine-hole golf course.

Great things are happening for bicycling in Florida. The state's Department of Transportation has developed a system of 11 official bicycle trails. A brochure on the bicycle trail system is available free from Florida State Bicycle Program, Dept. of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee, FL 32301-8064.

On the Florida west coast, Tampa's International Airport, is undergoing a $100 million expansion and refurbishing program to improve service for some eight million travellers who fly in and out of the Tampa airport. At Fort Myers, a new $96 million Southwest Florida Regional Airport recently opened to replace a smaller airport.

At Miami International Airport a new seven storey, 7,000 space parking garage is to be ready early in 1984, linked to the airport's main terminal by a moving sidewalk skywalk system. The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is undergoing a major expansion, while Palm Beach International Airport is adding 12 more gates and improving access to the terminal, parking and baggage claim areas.

At Orlando International Airport bus service is now available 24 hours a day to 36 major hotels in the Orlando area. There are now 14 hourly non-stop flights between Orlando and Miami (Pan-American Airways at $29 each way).

There are now revived auto ferry trains, which started in October on a tri-weekly basis between Lorton, Virginia, and Sanford, Florida, leaving in each direction at 4.30 p.m. and arriving at 9.30 a.m. the next day [via Amtrak, the national railway system].

In the Orlando and Kissimmee area of central Florida (best known for the Disney World attractions) more than 10,000 new hotel rooms have been added in the past year or so, bringing the total up to about 75,000 new rooms. Included have been an 870 room (Buena Vista Palace), 445 room (Kon Tiki Village Resort Hotel), 200 room (Caravey Inn) and 750 room (Hyatt Regency).

At least a dozen new hotel properties have been opened in the Miami region with two having over 600 rooms each (Pavillion and Miami Marriott).

Along with new hotels, apartment hotels, bed and breakfast accommodations and motor hotels, there are numerous new restaurants for all types of cuisine. In Orlando, for example, there is a dining place based on Elizabethan England, where performers from England entertain twice each evening with songs, dances, juggling acts and magic tricks.

In Kissimmee there is another such restaurant where medieval jousting, sword fighting, knights in armour on richly attired horses put on a dinner show.

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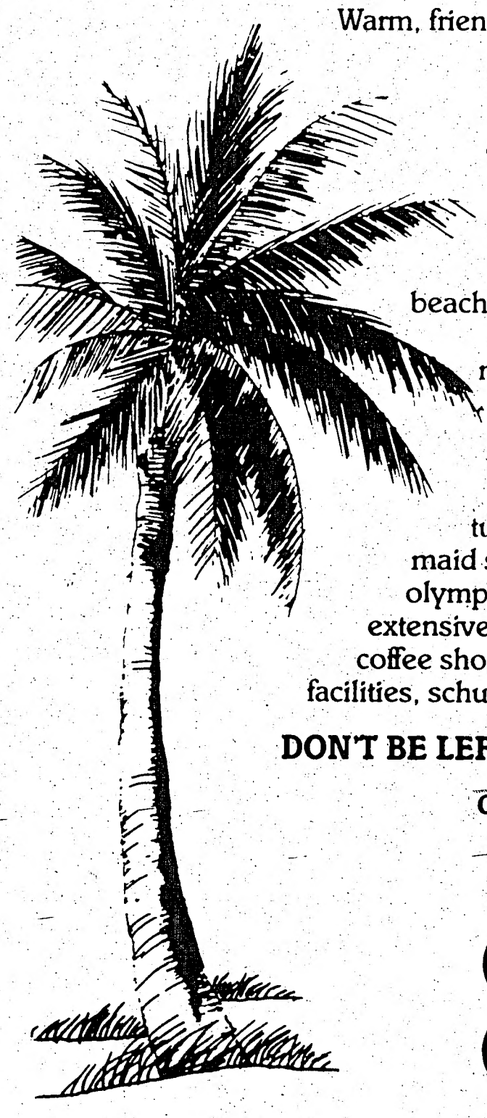

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

SHARM EL SHEIKH, Egypt — — Sinai is a diver's paradise.

The warm, clear waters of the Red Sea are alive with so many varieties of fish that it is like an enormous aquarium.

And the coral reefs, big, beautiful formations that can make a grown man gasp in awe, must be the ninth wonder of the world.

"The diving around here has been rated the best," says Seth Sovak, an American diver who has worked in Sharm for the past year. "They say it's better than Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the Grand Cayman Islands in the Caribbean and the Seychelles."

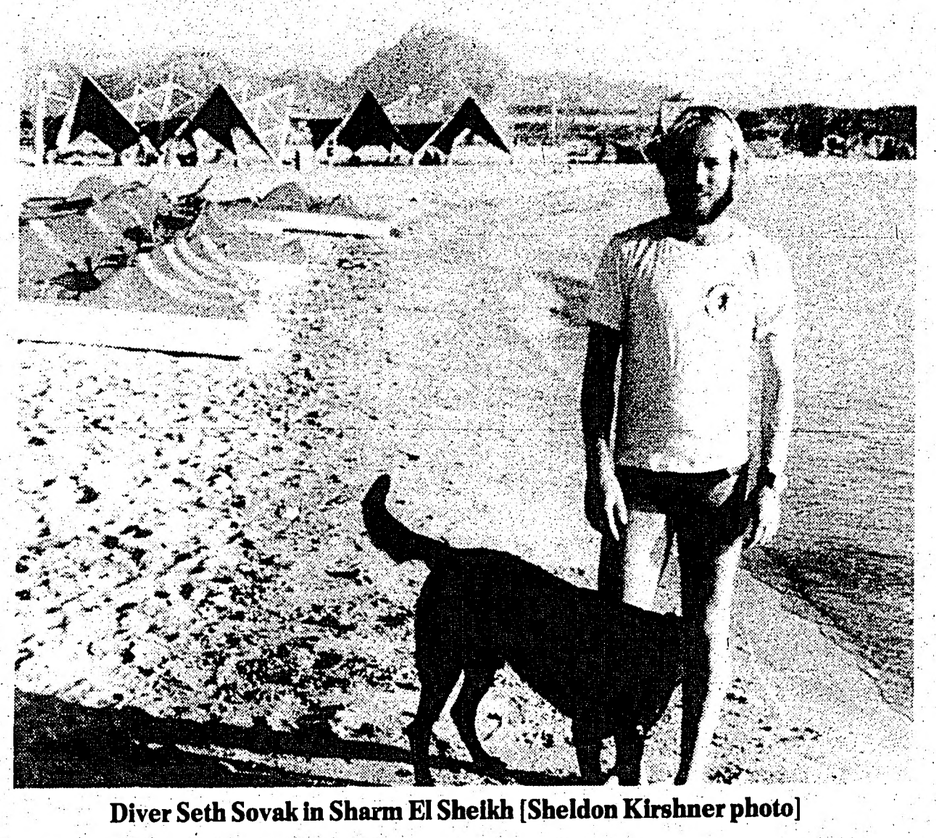
During its 15-year occupation of Sinai, Israel developed the diving clubs, which continue to lure tourists from around the globe. Egypt, knowing a good thing when it sees it, has not dismantled any of them.

Indeed, Egypt has permitted tourists from Israel to cross into Sinai.

The clubs, which still attract Israeli divers, are all based in this sea-side resort conceived and built by Israel. But virtually all dives take place off Ras Mohammed, the southernmost point of the sinai.

At Aquanaut International Dive Club, two dives are priced at $35. Each dive lasts about 40 minutes.

Sovak, who works for Aquanaut, says that diving is one of the most exciting, exhilarating sports imaginable. "People who haven't been down there in the depths just can't appreciate the eco-system, which is incredible," he remarks.



Diver Seth Sovak in Sharm El Sheikh [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Beneath the blue-green water of the Red Sea, one of the saltiest and deepest, are sharks, manta rays, marlin, barracudas, squid and fish like Yellowband Angels, Coral Groupers, Sweepers and Freckled Hawks.

When Sovak leads a group of divers into this nether world, he often recognizes George, the wrasse, a species characterized by thick lips, spiny fins, strong teeth and bright coloring, or Albie, the white-tipped shark.

Sovak, too, is enthralled by the plants and the corals, which no artist could probably duplicate.

And he talks excitedly of having found a shipwreck near Tiran Island, the rocky outcropping off the coast of Sharm.

But let no one tell you that diving is not without danger.

"It can be stressful, scary and unpredictable," explains Sovak, a Jewish American who hails from Huntingdon Valley, a Philadelphia suburb.

"The currents can suddenly change, and the fish can be intimidating. The Trigger fish, during its spawning season, can dart at you. All sharks are basically unpredictable. And the spines on the Lion fish are toxic."

Once in a while, a fish bites the hand that feeds him, he adds.

Sovak's most dangerous moment occurred when, for reasons he now forgets, he began to laugh. "You can't breathe and laugh at the same time," he says solemnly.

A tanned, blond, fit man of 21, Sovak arrived in Sharm after spending nine weeks on a kibbutz in Israel. On the eve of his departure, he rode down to Sinai to do a little diving and, surprisingly, found a job at Aquanaut International Dive Club.

Sovak, who first dived when he was 16, says he began to consider himself "a real diver" only after working as a professional in Sharm.

Most of his clients are experienced divers, but some know precious little.

Sovak, who studied underwater research and education at Temple University, says he had no idea how he would use this knowledge after graduation. Now that he has tasted the diver's life in Sharm, he thinks he may open a dive shop back home.

"Diving is a great business," he says. "And it's fun."

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Travel

Little Snowflakes will melt your heart

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. —

For two months, from Dec. 4, honeymooners will be only part of the scene here. Instead all attention will be on Little Snowflake and Miss Teen Niagara pageant during the Winter Carnival. There will be broomball tournaments, oldtimers' hockey games, indoor and outdoor square dances, and if Mother Nature behaves normally, you'll be able to see marvellous ice formations of the famous waterfalls.

For anyone not planning to go far afield this winter, there will be plenty of activities and special events throughout Ontario, outside the metropolitan Toronto area. Weather permitting there should be good skiing and other outdoor sports, and there are many cultural events scheduled.

Here is a summary of some of the main festivities and happenings during December, January and February:

December. World Cup Ski Jumping competitions will be at Thunder Bay, at the western end of Lake Superior, Dec. 10 and 11, with Challenge Series ski races Dec. 18.

There will be sleigh rides at Morrisburg, Dec. 27 to 31, through Upper Canada Village and nearby historical areas.

A family takes a walk in Muskoka's winter wonderland.

Evening horse racing is at the Mohawk Raceway, Guelph Line and Highway 401, at Campbellville Dec. 2 to 6.

At Ottawa's Connaught Park Raceway a winter program of horse and harness racing starts Dec. 3 with spectators in an enclosed grandstand on Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

There is music throughout the winter in Ontario, with the Ottawa Choral Society giving concerts at Ottawa's National Arts Centre from Dec. 1 to Feb. 9; a local jazz jamboree at Kingston on Dec. 2; and at Hamilton the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra performing from Dec. 4 to Feb. 27.

January. The first of the major curling events is at Parry Sound Jan. 5 to 7, with the 30,000 Island Curling Bonspiel. There will be Northern Ontario Men's Curling Championships at Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 26 to 29, and at Brantford the Six Nations Indian Snowflake Tournament Jan. 28 and 29.

Owen Sound holds its Winter Carnival Jan. 10 to 15, with sleigh rides, hockey tournaments, skating, skiing and snowmobiling races. At Minden there will be car races on the ice the weekend of Jan. 27 to 29, as well as snowmobiling races and other winter sports.

At Trenton, ice fishing is scheduled if Mother Nature provides enough cold to freeze the nearby rivers for Jan. 21 and 22, while at nearby Belleville there is an annual Ice Fishing Derby Jan. 28 and 29.

Peterborough will have its Snowfest Jan. 13 to 22 with snow sculpture exhibits, skating races, car rally and special events for seniors.

At Hamilton, you can join the fun of Bobbie Burns Nite with its Scottish dishes, poetry readings and Scottish music on Jan. 21, the event being held at historic Dundurn Castle, built 150 years ago.

February. You can join the throngs on Canada's longest skating rink at Ottawa, where Winterlude is Feb. 3 to 12, mainly on the frozen Rideau Canal. The skating rink is 5 miles (8 kilometres) long, runs through the heart of downtown and nearby residential areas.

During the Winterlude Festival there will be a 40 km (25 mile) speed skating race bed racing on the ice with skates pushing ice-runner equipped beds along the ice, a ski marathon, harness racing on the ice, barrel jumping competitions, curling events, hockey tournaments as well as a beaux-arts ball. There will be plenty of gourmet food in downtown restaurants.

France a la kosher

Our recent story in the travel section, A French touch to Jewish sites, seems to have attracted a lot of attention.

Unfortunately, the information we received as to where to get the traveler's pamphlet on Jewish sites in France was partially incorrect.

The booklet can be obtained by writing, **not phoning**, the French Government Tourist Office at 610 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10020.

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UIA Women's Division head seeks answers

Karby wants face-to-face canvassing

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
The bottom line for Rosalind Karby is fund raising through education and increased Jewish consciousness.

"We hope to reach out to 60,000 donors this year," said the newly elected national president of United Israel Appeal's Women's Division.

UIA contributes funds for social welfare programs in Israel. Funds given for non-local purposes to the United Jewish Appeal go towards the UIA in many Canadian communities. Centres with no combined UJA and UIA appeals have independent UIA campaigns and fund raisers for local Jewish needs.

Karby is now the official spokesman for some 21 UIA Women's Divisions across this country. Sworn in as incoming president Nov. 6, she replaces Gay Berger of Toronto. Her term is one year with an optional second year of service.

The 39-year-old Vancouverite estimates there are some 40,000 women nationwide who contribute to UIA Women's Division, but plans to attract more donors by canvassing on

Rosalind Karby

a face-to-face basis.

In Toronto there are 9,000 women on record as being UIA donors, but our potential is 15,000, Karby said. She added that Vancouver's 3,000 donors could also be increased by an additional 1,500 women.

"We must make a concentrated effort to identify these women on a one-to-one basis and find out why they are not responding to our campaign," Karby said during a visit to Toronto last week. She explained that canvassing by telephone is a harder way to make contact.

Karby believes one way of drawing more women is showing Israeli-produced videos on different aspects of the UIA and the services Israel needs most.

She noted that in Winnipeg, videos have been shown on the local community's needs to various individuals and groups about 66 times a year. These type of films could be shown during bridge classes, social encounter groups and exercise classes, according to Karby.

According to Karby, each community can determine what portion of its money goes to Israel and what is geared for local use. Only Winnipeg and Vancouver have a two-line campaign whereby donors can specify what portion of their UJA money will go locally and what amount will be sent to Israel for the UIA.

None of the UIA money is used for defence purposes.

Canadian contributions are channeled to Keren Hayesod funneled into the Jewish Agency and transfered into American dollars.

The UIA-Keren Hayesod and its worldwide affiliated campaigns combine with those of the UJA in the U.S. to fund the Jewish Agency budget.

Jewish Agency money goes into education, immigration and absorption, youth aliyah, settlement, and other social programs. None is used for defence purposes.

Separate contributions to Project Renewal are also vital to Israel, Karby claims.

Project Renewal represents a special partnership through direct twinning of Diaspora communities with Israel neighborhoods and is administered by the Jewish Agency.

Canada has four Porject Renewal programs. The Western region is twinned with Jaffa/ Dalea. Montreal is in charge of Yerucham. Ontario and the Atlantic province have Or Yehuda and Toronto is twinned with Beit Dagan.

Karby pointed out that obligations to the UJA campaign must be met before contributions to the Project Renewal can be made.

Karby attended Vancouver Talmud Torah, went to the Zionist Young Judea camp and was president of a local Hadassah-WIZO chapter in her teens.

Karby's husband, Howard, is a lawyer from Regina and the couple have three daughters, Michelle, 11, Debra, 9 and Sara, 6.

Zionist Shabbat coming Nov. 19

TORONTO —
Each year, communities across North America turn their attention to the continuing process of Zionism, dedicating at least one Shabbat the Zionist Shabbat.

This year, the Zionist Shabbat occurs on Nov. 19 with the focus on the heroes and valor of Zionsim, says Monty Robins, regional executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

"We are a fortunate generation because so many of them were our contemporaries."

"It is very reminiscent of today's trials. There are internal struggles within Israel and the struggles with the children of Esau continue.

"These stories serve as examples of how others have dealt with grave obstacles."

Robins says in that week's Torah portion, Vayishlach, Jacob struggles with an angel and his name is changed to Israel. Also within it, Jacob returns to his home but must first encounter his rival brother Esau.

SHAPIRA REUNION

Members of the Shapira family came from three continents recently for a grand reunion in Toronto. The late Zelig Shapira had donated the land for the old Terauley St. synagogue and handed the shul's key to his niece's son Sam Pike. Pike gave the key to Boris Shapira of Michigan who in turn handed it to Stephen Speisman, archives director of the Toronto Jewish Congress. From left are, Brooky Robins, Speisman, Sol Edell, Cyrel Troster, Boris and Irving Shapira and Pike. Presentation of the key was made at the Lipa Green Building. [Graphic Artists photo]

JCC LEADERS MEET

Sid L. Brail, centre, executive director of the Jewish Community Centre, Toronto, and Joshua Malks, left, executive director, Jewish Community Centre of Greater Baltimore, meet with JWB executive vice-president Arthur Rotman to discuss major issues which have emerged in an 18-month study conducted by the Commission on Maximizing Jewish Educational Effectiveness of JCCs and to exchange ideas.

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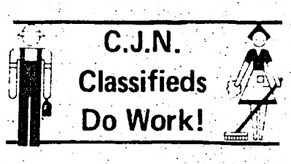

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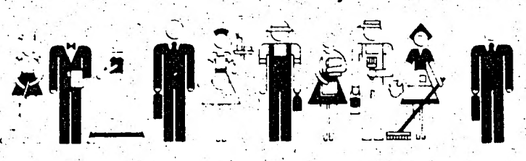

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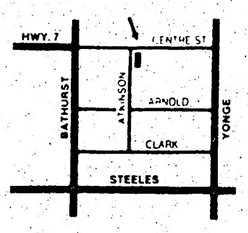

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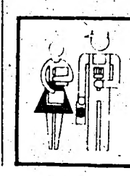

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Olim Shelanu

Netanya Congregation starts expansion

By
DAVID BIRKAN

MEVASSERET ZION —

The column must begin with an apology. The main reason for the delay between this and the last Olim Shelanu, published some three months ago, lies with the columnist. One of the effects suffered by new arrivals in Israel is a certain torpor because of the climate and many other reasons; getting over it can take a while.

Mazel Tov to **Philip** and **Naomi Alper**, formerly of Toronto, on the birth of a daughter, Shulamit, their first Sabra. Their other children — Tammy, 8, the eldest, Nadia and Benjamin — were born in Toronto.

The Alpers, who made aliya two years ago, live in Moshav Shorashim in the Galil, north of Carmiel. While permanent housing is still under construction, the moshav's parnassah, main source of income, is underway: assembling components for medical equipment.

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Well-known Toronto gynecologist **Dr. Isadore Eisen** and his wife left for Israel last month, upon his appointment as chief of gynecology at the Laniado Hospital in Netanya. One son, Andrew, is attending Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and another son, Ronnie, is at Bar Ilan High School in Netanya.

Netanya, the sea-side resort and diamond centre some 25 km. north of Tel Aviv, numbers several Canadians within its proportionately large Anglo-Saxon community.

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Emanuel Forman** on the recent groundbreaking for the facilities expansion of his Netanya congregation. Forman, who made aliya in 1972 with his wife Maxine and their three children, is the former spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in Toronto.

Eisen, incidentally, is also a long-time Shaarei Shomayim member. The shul's increasing representation in Netanya led a third member to quip: "It seems as if they're building a second Shaarei Shomayim here."

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Meanwhile, back at the merkaz klita (absorption centre) here:

Louis Sutker, formerly of Victoria, B.C., is pondering a move to Ranaana, a suburb of Tel Aviv, to take up a position there. He and his wife **Charlotte**, and their 3-year-old daughter Shulamit, came to Mevasseret at Pesach. The two are both psychologists, veterans in a dual marriage counseling service.

Psychologist gets offer of $130-a-month from clinic

What gives Sutker pause is the salary. The Ranaana clinic offered him the equivalent in shekels of $130 — per month. That was before the mid-October devaluation of close to 30%.

Sutker is the former president of Victoria's Congregation Emanuel, which, founded in the 1860s, is B.C.'s oldest house of worship in continuous use.

Charlotte is researching a book on converts to Judaism. If you have any information to share, write her c/o Merkaz Klita, Mevasseret Zion, Jerusalem, Israel.

Phillip and **Sylvia Kurtz** of Toronto, here with their seven children since last August, tell the following:

The Chevrolet station wagon they brought from Canada has functioned well, except for starting problems on two occasions. Just before the second time, they had offered a lift into town to a couple of neighbors, who wound up having to take the bus.

In Jerusalem, the two neighbors met a third, a mechanic, whom they told about problem. On his way home, he dropped into the Kurtz's and helped get their car started. No less than 10 minutes later, a fourth neighbor came running out of the house for help: his son was having an appendicitis attack. Kurtz was able to rush him to hospital. "It must have been all beshert (foreordained)," he said.

Shelly and **Sharon Wiggins** and their children Blaine and Elyce are renewing friendships with other former congregants of Toronto's Beth Tikvah Congregation, including former spiritual leader **Rabbi Herbert Feder**, living in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Netanya.

The Wiggins and four other Beth Tikvah families who left for Israel at the end of July were seen off with a special melavah malka [post-Shabbat celebration]. "It seems to be the only shul in Toronto that officially acknowldeges aliya," said Wiggins.

Some tips:

- An unexpectedly useful tool almost everywhere in Israel is . . . a hammer-drill. It's essential for relatively easy insertion of screws and nails into the concrete and stone walls here, for pictures, wall-hangings, and so forth. Olim are advised to take one within their luggage, at 220 volts preferably, or have relatives bring it. A hammer drill in Israel costs about $200.
- **Aspirin is also worth bringing. It's not available here in bulk, and unless you buy it on a local physician's prescription, it costs about 9 cents for a 5-grain tablet.**
- Olim and long-term visitors are advised to do some advance research on foreign-made cars to facilitate their choice of an auto once in Israel. Not many people in Canada can discuss the pros and cons of a Fiat, an Opel Ascona, a Ford Sierra, an Audi 80, a Lancia, a Peugeot, an Opel Rekord, and so forth. All are popular in Israel, along with the more familiar BMW, Volkswagen, Subaru, Volvo, and Renault.

There is a longstanding aprocryphal rumor that manufacturers send only their inferior vehicles to Israel. At about U.S.$8,000 for the least expensive small 4-door sedan here — for olim with their privileges — the rumor is hopefully not true.

- Want to drive your North American car in Israel? Ship it over for several thousand dollars and then spend an aggravating two weeks as tax, safety and transport officials subject it and you to a battery of forms and tests. Alternately, order one in Israel — for $25,000 U.S. and up.
- Ask the aliya office about half lifts. Many U.S. olim have availed themselves of a shipment right unknown to Canadian olim.
- Friends, relatives, and acquaintances are urged to make a point of seeing their olim while visiting Israel. New olim in particualr are heartened to see people from the world they left. One oleh with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances now measures friendship by if, when and for how long visitors to Israel will see him.
- **Write to your olim, and forgive them if they can't respond right away. A letter from home is priceless.**

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Sharon Weinper, 19, of Downsview came to Israel about 10 months ago after attending Carlton University in Ottawa, where she took the journalism course.

Prior to that she attended 9 grades of Associated Hebrew School in Toronto, and then took 3 years at AISP which is a high school.

Being one of the youngest pupils in her class, she decided to travel for one year, her last stop being Israel, where she planned to work on Kibbutz Beit Alfa, where she has a lot of family.

Consequent to that she planned to study at the Jerusalem University in journalism.

When she reached Jerusalem she contacted her uncle Rev. Eli Meyrav, who is a Breslover, and was overcome with the Breslover movements. She attended their yeshiva instead, disdained all worldly matters, and became extremely orthodox.

She made aliya about six months ago, and is now living in Mea Shearim.

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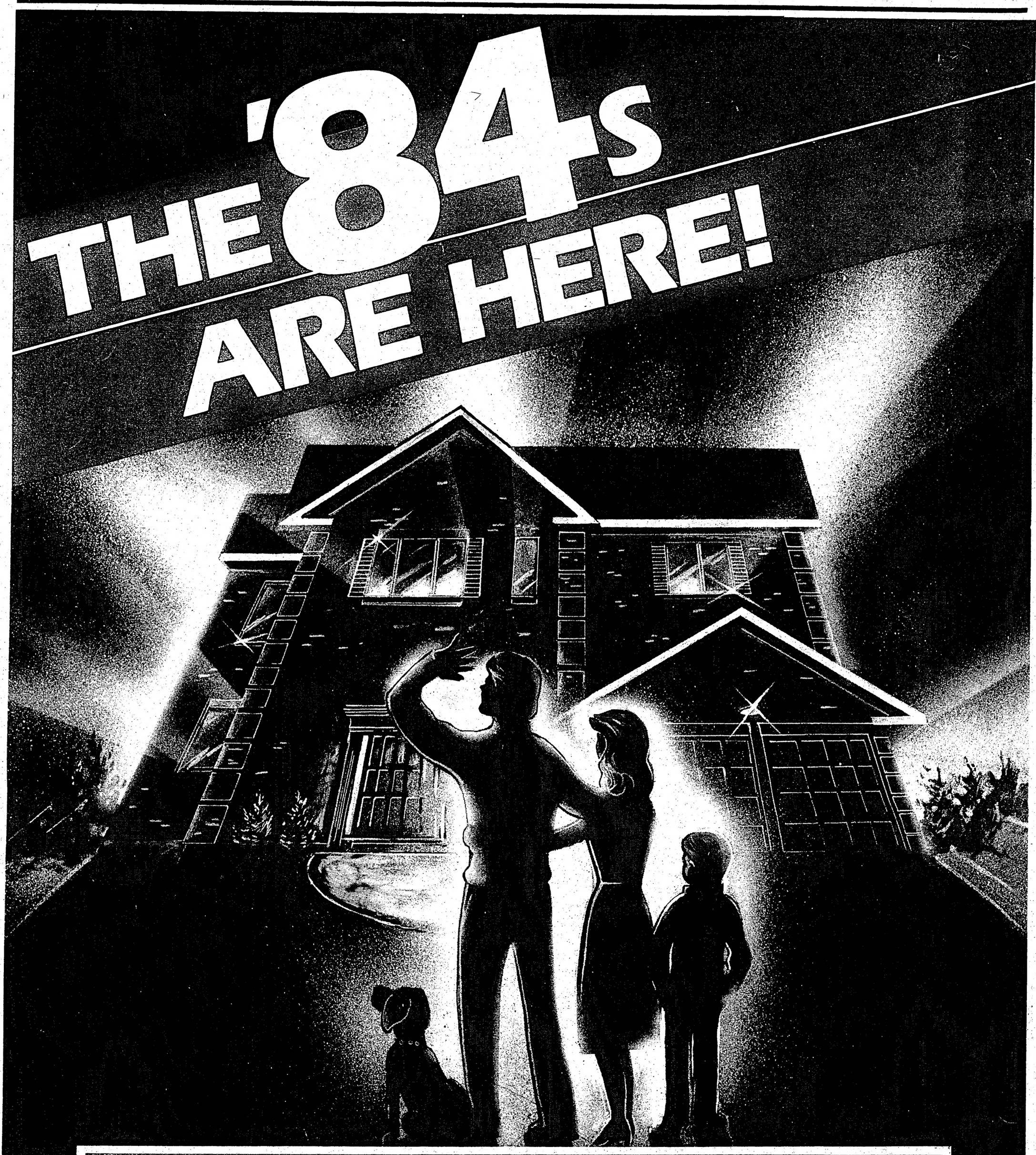

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